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GERMANS SAY ODESSA SURROUNDED: REDS CLAIM OFFENSIVE SMASHED

Official Moscow Communique Gives 29 Nazi Divisions Destroyed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOR THE MOMENT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO INDICATE WHAT IS THE POSITION ON THE UKRAINE WAR FRONT. GERMAN AND RUSSIAN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ARE VIOLENTLY CONTRADICTORY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS THAT THE RUMANIANS HAVE SURROUNDED ODESSA, THAT THE RUSSIANS IN EASTERN UKRAINE ARE FACING COMPLETE COLLAPSE AND THAT STRONG SOVIET FORCES WEST OF BUG ARE FACING DESTRUCTION.

Against this the Russians officially declare that the third German offensive has been smashed, that 29 Nazi divisions have been routed or destroyed, and that many other divisions have been totally or partially destroyed. Here is the Moscow communique on the situation:

It is officially claimed that the third German offensive has been smashed. Twenty-nine Nazi divisions have been routed or destroyed, not including "many others totally or partially destroyed."

JAPANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS

To Manchuria & Cambodia

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (UP).—The military spokesman to-day stated that Japan had ordered four mechanized regiments to Manchukuo. Two have already arrived there and two are en route.

It is said that the Manchukuo authorities are prohibiting the entrance into Manchukuo of all Chinese and foreigners beginning August 15.

Thailand Denies U. S. Offer

Buddhists Pray For Peace

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (UP).—A Foreign Office communique issued to-day denied that a grant was offered to the Thai Premier for United States military aid in exchange for the abandonment of her pro-Japanese policy. The communique added that there were "no grounds for such an offer."

Thailand is politically friendly with all other nations and the conversations concerned the promotion of a better understanding.

Prayers For Peace

BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (UP).—Lao commentators state that reportedly for the past consecutive three nights, a peace message has been sounded according to "the spirit advocated by Buddha."

They asserted that the Government contemplated submitting a peace proposal to the countries concerned. Being a small country, Thailand "may meet with utter failure," but they cautioned that should the foundation of peace be shaken, its cause will arise from external affairs. They added that Buddha's curse will befall those who offend over 500 Buddhists.

New Thai Minister

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The White House to-day nominated Mr. Willis Peck, Counsellor of the United States Embassy at Peking to become Minister to Thailand.

Nords Agree With The Eight Points

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Mr. W. Nygaardsvold, Prime Minister of Norway, stated that he had heard with great satisfaction the Anglo-American declaration. "It is most important that such clear and definite lines have been drawn up with regard to the basis upon which peace will be built."

"The Norwegian Government has already emphasized some of these points, which it feels to be of the utmost importance for the future and liberation of enslaved countries, and it agrees entirely with the eight-point declaration."

"The fact that the meeting has taken place on a battlefield in the middle of the fight for the Atlantic would not fail to impress all participating nations."

BRITAIN'S BLOW TO JAPAN

All Exports Now
Banned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The Board of Trade to-day banned all exports to Japan to become effective on August 15. The ban includes all mandated territories. Only exports under licence will be permitted.

The text of the export ban announcement is as follows: "The Board of Trade has made an order prohibiting as from August 15 all exports to Japan including Karafuto, the Japanese mandated islands, Korea, Kwantung leased territory, Formosa and Manchuria except under licence from the Board of Trade."

"All outstanding export licences for these destinations are being revoked."

First Development

The ban is believed to be the first drastic development arising from the Anglo-American conversations and designed to prove to Japan that Britain and the United States mean business in maintaining the status quo in the Far East and if necessary, take stronger measures to prevent further aggression directly affecting the Anglo-American interests.

Strikers Return Back To Work

LOWELL, N.J., Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Strikers in the Curtiss Wright Corporation's plant, who ceased work last Saturday, have unanimously decided to resume work. The men were demanding higher wages.

The Corporation is engaged on \$800,000 worth of aircraft orders in connection with the United States defence programme.

European Robbed

Mr. H. V. C. Randall of China Light and Power Co., and residing at 474 Nathan Road, has reported to the Police the theft from his residence on Thursday night of money, jewellery, binoculars and miscellaneous items to the total value of \$1,050.

Enemy Fighters Swept From Their Own Skies

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Large squadrons of Hurricanes and Spitfires swept towards the Channel soon after lunch to-day.

It is just officially revealed that Blenheim bombers escorted by fighters attacked docks at Boulogne. Bombs were seen to burst on the target.

One enemy fighter was destroyed by our fighters. Our losses were two fighters.

13 Planes Downed
LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—It was learned in London to-night that late this afternoon British fighters carried out a sweep over the coast of

A partial list of the totally destroyed German divisions was published to-day (Thursday), and it includes the 39th Tank Corps of the 8th, 18th, 16th, 20th and 19th tank divisions, the 5th, 137th and 100th infantry divisions, the 27th armoured division, the 53rd, 169th and 111th armoured regiments, together with the 448th, 449th, 188th, 464th, 153rd, 485th, 231st, 156th and 24th infantry regiments.

Countless Graves
"Pravda" reports that already many German divisions have been destroyed in the western direction and that only countless graves remind one that once those divisions existed. Dozens of other divisions have lost almost half and others more than half of their effectives.

In battles in the Nevel direction the 253rd infantry division on July 8 lost their entire 453rd and 464th infantry regiments, and up to July 28 60 per cent. of their effectives had been lost.

In contrast to this report, the German High Command has issued the following communique: "The Rumanians have surrounded Odessa. The Russian defences in the eastern Ukraine are facing complete collapse."

Strong Soviet forces to the west of Bug are facing destruction. The occupation of this area deprives the Soviet Union of 61 per cent. of its entire annual iron-ore production.

Hitler In Ukraine
LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Hitler has moved his headquarters to TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

EUROPEAN R. O. CHARGED

Christian James Ernest Scott, 23, a Revenue Officer, living at the European Y.M.C.A., was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day together with two Chinese Revenue Officers, Eok, Fung-chang, 23, and Fok Yung-chun, 22, with conspiracy to obtain money from certain citizens of Hongkong by means of extortion. They were also charged with demanding money by menaces, namely \$100, \$50, and \$150 on August 10.

Sub-inspector Cunningham in referring to bail asked that in the case of Scott it should be fixed at \$2,500. Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, the magistrate, replied that this sum appeared to be high enough to deny bail.

Mr. Cunningham replied that the offence was a serious one and those were his instructions.

Mr. Anderson said there was no consideration that defendants would find it extremely difficult to get out of Hongkong at this time even if he wanted to.

Mr. Cunningham replied that that was difficult to say. The two Chinese defendants then asked why they were not allowed bail, seeing that they had given themselves up, indicating that if they intended to try and get away from the Colony they would have done so before.

The Magistrate finally allowed bail for all three men in \$2,500 each.

First Reactions To Dramatic Roosevelt-Churchill Meeting

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—The news of the meeting between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt has been the longest kept secret of the war. For fully a week there have been rumours of all kinds reaching England from foreign sources but British officials and all members of the United States Embassy in London maintained an imperturbable silence resolutely refusing either information or even comment on the foreign reports.

Points Discussed By The Two Statesmen

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 14 (UP).—(By telephone to New York.) Threats of a war in the Pacific is believed to be one of the chief reasons for the historic meeting between President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill at sea. Now that the meeting has been disclosed, it can be revealed that the initiative came from President Roosevelt through Mr. Harry Hopkins.

Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt have never previously met despite Mr. Churchill's pre-war visits to the United States. During his Premiership, Mr. Churchill had frequently held telephonic conversations with the President.

Aid To Soviets

The Russian war raised numberless questions especially regarding quick and effective aid to the Soviets. Other problems requiring review included American supplies for the British home and Middle East forces and also the conveying of American tanks and other war materials enroute to the war theatres.

Vichy's subservience to the Axis involving the fate of French North and West Africa, which also touches on Western Hemisphere defence, seems to call for fresh definitions of American and British policy.

Remoter, but important issues such as German influence in Iran have created rising concern.

Many doubters for the first time are now convinced that Germany can be defeated by the Soviet display of resistance. When Germany hurled roughly four-fifths of her armed power against Russia, the Premier and the President were impelled to formulate more decisive action.

Increased Tempo

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The Roosevelt-Churchill meeting is expected to signalise an increase in the tempo of American war aid to Britain and Russia, and also a firmer policy towards Japan; however, nothing has as yet been revealed regarding these possible objectives.

PARIS RIOTS

VICHY, Aug. 14 (UP).—Paris press dispatches reaching Vichy to-day reported that rioting which was provoked by Communists and Jews occurred in Paris yesterday in which shots were fired, wounding several persons.

Mr Mackenzie King Speaks For Canada

OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, expressed satisfaction over the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting which "could only lead to even closer relations in future between the British Commonwealth and the United States."

"The friendship and understanding between the two leaders is now sealed by this first meeting together. The joint declaration which has followed this conference deserves the closest study and is bound to have a most important effect on world opinion."

"The text indicates a complete understanding, co-operation in the prosecution of the war and complete agreement on the eventual objects of a peace of victory, but not of vengeance."

Flair For Dramatic

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Mr. Winston Churchill has always had a flair for the dramatic—his offer of union with France and his broadcast to FURN to Page 5, Column One

Many Killed In Big Air Raid On Chungking

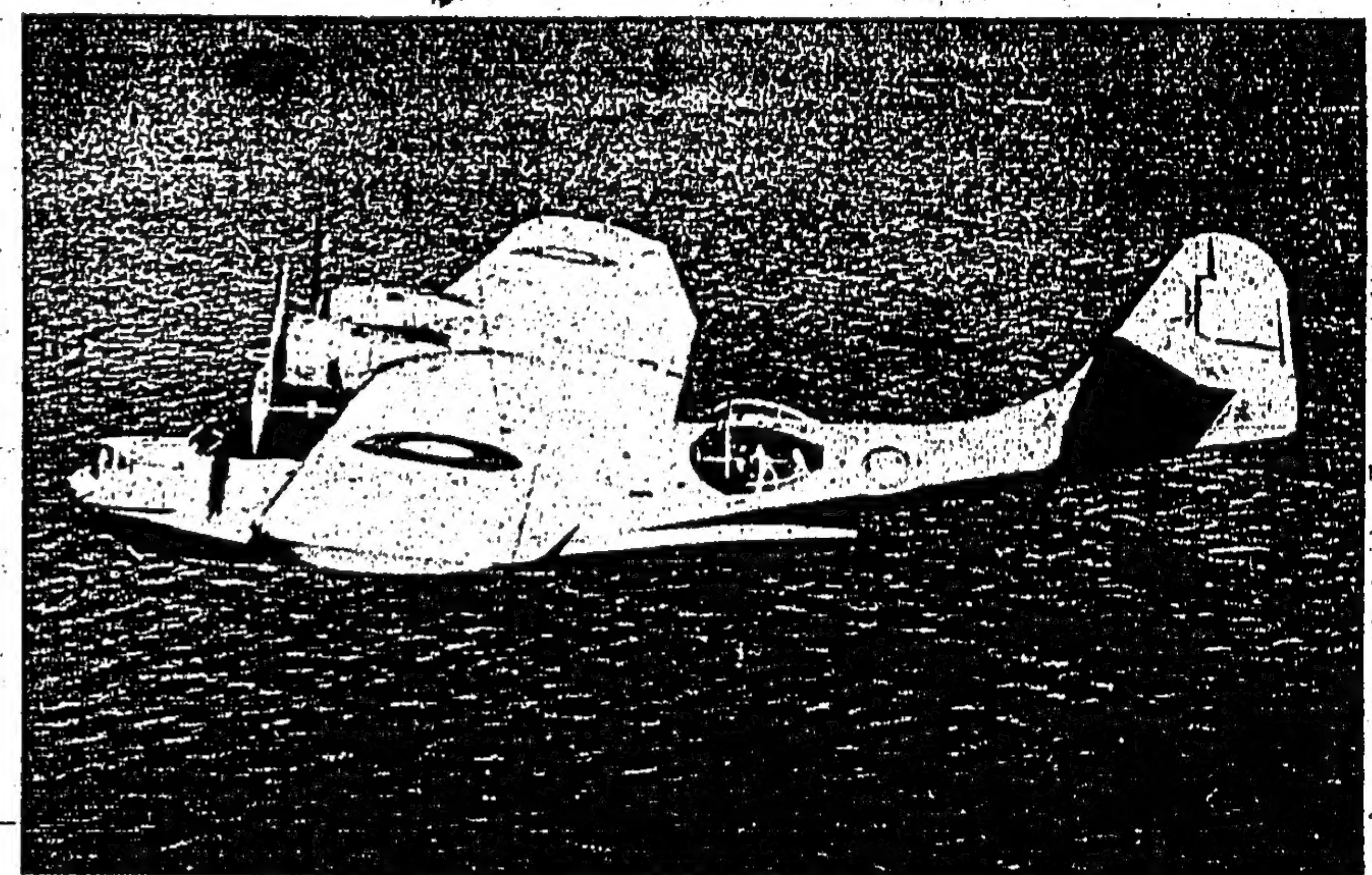
Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (UP).—It was revealed to-day that many were killed in Wednesday's air raids when a demolition bomb blocked the entrance of a down-town dugout with a capacity of 400 persons. An incendiary bomb landed in the remaining entrance filling the dugout with fumes.

Three waves of Japanese bombers totalling 117 planes subjected Chungking to a two-and-a-half-hour raid between 10.50 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. to-day, again concentrating on the area between the Press Hostel and the city's west wall. Eye witnesses on the south bank of the river confirm that no bombs landed in the safety zone area. Twenty-three other planes bombed Hailang.

Catalinas For Far East

American-built Catalina warplanes are being rushed to the Far East for the defence of British possessions. Their chief task is to maintain ceaseless watch for raiders and submarines. This picture vividly illustrates this type of aeroplane.



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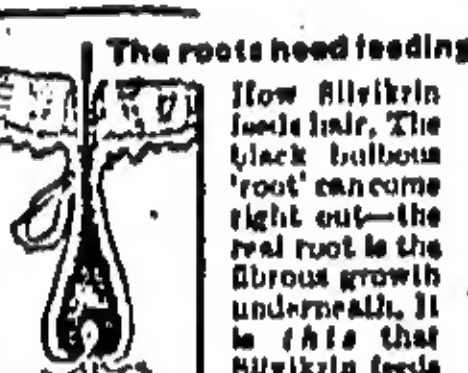


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DEATH

D'OLIVEIRA.—At St. Teresa's Hospital yesterday, Eduardo Azeilo D'Oliveira, Aged 47 years. Funeral will pass Monument at 3.30 p.m. to-day. (Macao and Shanghai papers please copy).

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FUTILE TERRORISATION

HORROR raids on virtually unprotected Chinese cities have constituted a feature of Japanese air force activity for the past four years; the culminating point was reached during the week-end when Chungking was bombed with the utmost ferocity on 14 occasions between Friday and Monday. Perhaps the Japanese still nurse the tender belief—that a nation can be brought to its knees by brutal and indiscriminate air attacks, although it is hard to understand on what they base this assumption in the light of their own experience in China, together with the lessons of Spain and Britain.

It has long been proved that the destruction of private property and the slaughter of civilians by aerial bombings effects little, if anything, in the way of lowering morale. Modern warfare has demonstrated that civilian morale disintegrates only under the influence of military defeats and skillful Fifth Column operations. As China has not suffered the former for more than a year, and Japan has never succeeded in manipulating the latter to any appreciable extent, China's morale to-day is as high as ever. Terrorisation bent low the spirit of the Chinese people in the early days of the conflict, but it wields no power at the present, least of all in Chungking, which, like London, has learnt how to "take it."

At the most, the vicious Japanese raids on Free China territory can only leave its citizens without homes and temporarily dislocate war industries; the last mentioned factor could be serious if the major portion of the war industries were concentrated in the towns, which they are not. It is true that Chungking's normal life is seriously dislocated while the raids are in operation, but this dislocation is more inconvenient than vital, as the capital chiefly concentrates on administration and is not a manufacturing centre. Elsewhere, Chinese powers of recuperation have been so long established, and labour so plentiful and willing, that temporary enforced pauses in war work are speedily overcome, rendering negligible any loss of time and labour.

Apparently, however, the futility of terror raids on Chungking and other Chinese cities has not yet impressed itself on the minds of the Japanese air chiefs; or maybe it is because they have so many excess bombs to be used up; or do not want their pilots to get stale through lack of activity. Whatever the reason, these air attacks do the Japanese war cause no benefit, and serve only to create a feeling of revulsion throughout the civilised world. They may yet prove to be the death warrant of the Japanese nation.

Is the United States Prepared for War?

Is the United States prepared for war?

The answer to that question—one year after the all-out defence effort began—is this:

The United States Navy has now the world's most powerful and heavily armoured fleet, although the second-ocean part of the "two-ocean" navy is still in the making.

The United States Army is ready with seasoned troops and strong fortifications in its great defensive outposts at Hawaii and the Canal Zone, but even there, lacks ultra-modern anti-aircraft weapons.

The basic land army and air force will not be ready for about a year. Many of its men still are green; its up-to-date artillery and tanks are just beginning to come out of the service; few of its fighter planes in service now equal European standards.

Here is the detailed defence picture to-day as shown in a United Press survey. Wherever possible, official data were obtained. In many cases, exact figures now are impossible to obtain.

The Navy

The Navy, which would carry the brunt of the fighting if the Axis challenged America's determination to "deliver the goods" to Britain, is agreed to be the world's mightiest. That is true although it has fewer combat ships in service to-day than a year ago.

New ships that were ordered early in the Navy Deal have been put into service. The 35,000-ton battleships North Carolina and Washington are in commission and will join the fleet soon.

The Navy's far flung patrol system has for more than a year given it operating experience under the next to worst conditions. It reports good progress on a programme of modernising anti-aircraft protection for its older ships. Details are secret.

Its personnel is 249,727 officers and men, against 146,003 a year ago.

Fighting ships in major categories number 334. A year ago, before transfer of 50 destroyers to Britain and the conversion of 45 to other uses, there were 308. The net loss is not as great as it might seem. The destroyers that went to Britain or were converted were over-age ones. Commissioned in the last 12 months have been 24 new destroyers, eight submarines and the two 35,000-ton battleships.

The two-ocean fleet programme called for a total of 602 fighting craft by 1947. The Navy hopes now to complete it by 1946. It lists the entire programme—358 new combat ships—as "building" because contracts have been let. About 70 actually are on the ways.

The others, the 58,000-ton cruisers and six battle cruisers, are in preliminary stages.

Normally, it takes about 40 months to build a battleship, 38 for a cruiser, 30 for a destroyer. Navy yards are working three shifts and cutting those schedules by from two months to a year.

Of the 15 battleships listed as "under construction" now, keels have been laid for eight 35,000 and 45,000-tonners. Work on these is from two years to a few months alone. All 15 battleships are scheduled to be commissioned at various dates from 1942 to 1946.

The fleet of auxiliary cruisers, tankers, supply ships, transports, repair ships, etc., is composed of 194 vessels, against 122 a year ago. Also 104 are under construction and 25 undergoing conversion.

Here is a breakdown of combat ships built and building:

	Built	Building
Battleships	17	15
Aircraft Carriers	6	12
Cruisers	37	54
Destroyers	165	199
Submarines	109	78
Total	334	358

A \$300,000,000 programme is under way for development and protection of outlying bases. This includes the Army's share in the protection of these bases. Hawaii is considered the world's most strongly held naval base. Above-ground fuel depots, vulnerable to possible aerial attack, are being put underground there and at other strategic points. Chains of supplementary bases are being developed on islands from Alaska to distant South Seas. Few, under present plans, will be strongly fortified. In the Atlantic, Puerto Rico is being converted into a great stronghold and fleet base. The eight base sites acquired from Great Britain, from Newfoundland to South America, are being developed. Some are already garrisoned by small forces and are in use as air patrol stations. Little actual fortification has been accomplished yet.

Its strength—21,203 officers and men—is nearly double that a year ago. Its striking forces have been reorganised into two streamlined divisions of 14,000 men each. Old destroyers have been converted into fast transports for landing forces.

Air Strength

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps combined have approximately

pressed itself on the minds of the Japanese air chiefs; or maybe it is because they have so many excess bombs to be used up; or do not want their pilots to get stale through lack of activity. Whatever the reason, these air attacks do the Japanese war cause no benefit, and serve only to create a feeling of revulsion throughout the civilised world. They may yet prove to be the death warrant of the Japanese nation.

A little over a year ago, the then leisurely American defence programme was given a tremendous spurt as a result of the Nazi drive through France. Since then a great deal has been accomplished, and apart from strictly national requirements the United States has been able to give increasing aid to Britain as well as to other countries in the democratic front. The United Press survey here published answers a vital question—how far has the defence programme progressed in the first 12 months?

9,400 aircraft, including trainers. A year ago, the figure was 5,000. Approximately 6,000 are army craft. The Navy had 3,476 aircraft on hand May 1.

Only a small percentage are of the most modern combat types.

Most of them lack armour protection and sufficient machine-gun and aerial cannon. Production of the latest models did not begin until early this year, and the bulk of those produced were shipped to Britain. New-type four-engine bombers and interceptors are considered the equal or superior of any in commission and will join the fleet abroad.

Breakdown by types was not available but it was estimated that about 2,000 of the army craft are trainers. Of the Navy's total, 2,512 were listed as service craft, including trainers; 213 as obsolescent; 352 obsolete; 32 experimental; 337 reserve.

The Army Air Corps has placed orders for approximately 21,000 planes. Congress has been asked for an additional \$2,700,000,000 for approximately 13,000 more army planes of which several thousand will be long-range bombers.

The Army has about 6,500 pilots against 3,322 a year ago; the Navy 4,500 against 2,900.

The Army Air Corps is working toward a training goal of 30,000 pilots a year. A year ago, the Army was training pilots at a rate fewer than 300 a month. The pace was stepped up until 1,000 prospects entered its schools in March. Despite high standards required, applicants so far have outrun Army facilities. With expansion of facilities now, the Army is making a special drive to interest men graduating from colleges.

Present Navy pilot output is 200 a month and fast approaching 500. The Navy believes that after January its training programme will supply a pilot reserve ahead of the 15,000 planes it hopes to have by July 1, 1943.

At several coastal points, some army corps combat units are at war strength in numbers of planes and men.

The Army Air Corps is spending \$81,321,000 for expansion of its fields and schools and construction of dozens of new ones. Many have been completed.

The Army

Its total strength on May 29 was 1,345,800 officers and men. The immediate goal is 1,418,000. A year ago, the Army's personnel totalled only 230,772.

Of the men, 269,000 are National Guardsmen and 507,000 selectees. It is worthy of note that there are also 462,000 regulars now on three-year enlistment.

The Army's ground forces comprise 27 infantry divisions, four armoured divisions that await full equipment, two and one-half cavalry divisions and five general headquarters tank battalions. A year ago the Army had only six infantry divisions and a cavalry division. The National Guard then had 18 infantry and four cavalry divisions.

Mechanisation and motorisation of the Army has been slow. Only one Infantry division is fully motorised, but long-developed plans for a powerful armoured-motorised force are on the verge of reality.

Ten more GHQ tank battalions will be formed. Four more armoured divisions of 11,000 men each will be organised.

Omahs, is expected to go into production in the late fall. When in full operation, these plants are expected to produce 3,000 heavy and medium bombers a year. These plants, together with additional facilities to be built by aircraft manufacturers, will be geared to turn out 500 heavy bombers a month by the fall of 1942.

This is what existing plants are turning out:

Aircraft—about 1,000 military planes in May; about 40 per cent. trainers. Until recent months, the ratio was more trainers than combat ships.

Tanks—light (13 tons), about 150 a month. Medium (23 tons) only a few pilot models, but about 200 a month expected beginning with October.

Ordnance—powder output up 1,000 per cent. small-arms ammunition up 1,200 per cent. in less than a year. Output of 30 calibre machine-guns trebled. 50 calibre machine-guns quadrupled. Field and anti-aircraft artillery production up 40 per cent. limited resources, now finds itself pinched for needed aluminium and manganese for aircraft production.

There is not enough steel by around for both army and civilian wants. Civilian use of electric power may have to be curtailed.

The Economic Situation

There has been an increasing diversion of production and materials from civilian supply. Priorities have been imposed on 24 categories of materials. The public is beginning to feel it. It is becoming difficult, for example, to get aluminium lighting fixtures or refrigerator ice trays.

Industrial production, measured by the Federal Reserve Index, is running at the highest level ever.

The Labour Department reported April's non-agricultural employment at an all-time peak of 37,017,000 up 2,738,000 in a year. Latest unofficial estimates of unemployment are approximately 7,000,000.

A national income of more than \$80,000,000,000—second only to 1920—is forecast for this year, and some estimates are as high as \$100,000,000,000 for next year.

Appropriations, contract authorisations and Federal loans for defence and British aid since June 1940 total \$37,871,000,000, by the OPM's compilation. Adding to this the \$3,710,000,000 in orders placed here by the British up to May 1, it brings the current armament programme in the U.S. up to \$41,581,000,000. A \$9,452,000,000 Army appropriation and a \$520,000,000 supplemental Navy bill are pending. They will put the over-all total over \$50,000,000,000.

Only \$9,300,000,000 actually has been paid out by the treasury so far. Defence contracts placed to date aggregate \$29,000,000,000, leaving many billions in orders still to be placed.

Here is an OPM breakdown of contracts placed up to May 17: Plants, engines, etc., \$4,291,000,000; naval ships and parts, \$4,543,000,000; ordnance, \$3,500,000,000; other equipment, \$2,128,000,000; substitution and other services, \$1,112,000,000; strategic materials stockpile, \$328,000,000; construction (industrial facilities), \$1,093,000,000; posts, depots, housing, \$1,734,000,000.

Office of Civilian Defence, headed by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York was set up on May 20, and soon will begin mobilisation of millions of volunteers into units for protection of the civil population in the event of war. One of the first tasks will be the creation of a network of 500,000 volunteers to serve as air raid "spotters."

The National Defence Mediation Board, headed by Clarence A. Dykes, settled 30 labour disputes in the first two months of its life.

The sea-going merchant tonnage of the United States is smaller than it was a year ago despite a vastly expanded construction programme. This is caused largely by transfer of merchant bottoms to the Army and Navy and to Britain. The U. S. Merchant Marine had 1,103 sea-going vessels totalling 7,051,200 gross tons on April 1 as compared with 1,380 on April 1 of last year. There are 851 ships under construction or contracted for as panies. The first assembly plant, at compared with 152 a year ago.

Four government-owned member assembly plants are being built. Sub-assemblies will be provided for these plants by automobile companies. The first assembly plant, at compared with 152 a year ago.



One result of the invigorated American defence programme—the giant B-19 Douglas army bomber, largest military plane in the world. After a series of trial flights, the machine was pronounced perfect by the U.S. Army's chief test pilot.

First Reactions To Dramatic Meeting

FROM PAGE ONE

East within a few hours of the Nazi onslaught on Russia are but two examples—but none has aroused popular enthusiasm in Britain so much as his latest undertaking in crossing the Atlantic for the historic meeting with President Roosevelt.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Supply, who has obviously taken a major part in the conference, is generally regarded as Mr. Churchill's right hand and has achieved prodigious things in stimulating aeroplane building and Minister for Aircraft Production. More recently he has performed further miracles in the production of tanks in his new appointment as Minister of State.

Well Kept Secret

Some of Mr. Churchill's closest friends had no inkling that the Prime Minister had left and had no reason to suppose that he had left Downing Street. Members of Parliament at Westminster were astonished when Mr. Churchill's departure was announced that anything was happening, told the House of Commons that Mr. Churchill would not be present during the recent general debate. No suspicion of Mr. Churchill's journey were aroused and no hint of what was happening was given during the full debate on the war which Mr. Churchill opened.

Days went by and inevitable rumours, mostly very wide of the mark, began to circulate and only a mere handful of the millions who heard Mr. Churchill's words were the witnesses to-day were not astonished by the dramatic disclosures.

Washington Waits

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The capital was prepared for something exciting this morning and was not disappointed. Millions all over the country were listening for an announcement but it fell to British spokesmen in London to tell Americans of the dramatic meeting at sea of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt and the important conclusions they reached.

At nine o'clock, radios were tuned in to hear Mr. Churchill's voice from London, and as the announcement informed the public that the same statement had been issued in mimeographed form from the White House.

Seeing War Through

That the majority of Americans believed that President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill had been meeting took none of the drama from the announcement which was instantly characterised by some observers as being as near a joint statement that America will see the war through with Britain as any leader of democratic America could go without the consent of Congress.

That Congress will not fail to support the President is seen by Senator Tom Connally's first statement in which the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said flatly that the declaration represented the general view of the people of the United States.

Radio Everywhere

There was tremendous excitement all over the country this morning. Thousands of Government workers coming into town had their radios open full blast and shops selling radios had loud speakers on the pavement giving Mr. Churchill's message to the people in the streets who gathered round in crowds to hear about the strange meeting of two great men "somewhere in the North Atlantic."

At the White House long before the statement was released the press rooms were crowded with eager and excited journalists and when the mimeographed statements appeared there was a wild scramble for copies and then a hectic chase for telephones and the cable offices.

House Interest

Congressmen and Senators were listening in no less eagerly than the public, and congressional leaders including Senator Connally and Mr. Andrew J. May, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, were persuaded to go to the radio station and listen in to Mr. Churchill. They then immediately "went on the air" themselves telling the people of this country their views on the statement, all of which were favourable.

Returning Hero

The first reaction everywhere was expected to be favourable and President Roosevelt is assured of a tremendous welcome when he returns to the capital. There is no doubt that he will be received like a returning hero for the drama of the meeting at sea has fired everyone.

In the joint declaration are enshrined principles very dear to Mr. Roosevelt's heart and which he has enunciated during more than one fireside chat since the war began.

Roosevelt's Ideals

Behind the fourth and fifth of the common principles lie the Roosevelt idealism which inspired the New Deal while the sixth combines one of his most vital beliefs and in the seventh is the principle of freedom of the seas which is close to his sailor's heart and which he re-wrote into the American policy only a few weeks ago when he announced

U. S. Supplies To China

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The United States is sending 800,000 tons of supplies to China as part of the American Aid to China programme, it is stated here.

American transport experts returned here to-day after surveying transport on the Burma Road. They declared that the present tonnage over the Road can be doubled or even trebled.

Hirohito Told Of Japan's Policy

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Japanese Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda, was received in audience by the Emperor this afternoon.

Admiral Toyoda, it is stated, reported to the Throne on matters under his jurisdiction.

American naval and air patrol of the Atlantic.

As the significance of the common principles sinks into the public consciousness, it is recognised that the eighth of them is probably the most important. It is taken to mean in plain language that America and Britain are determined that all aggressor nations shall be disarmed meaning Germany, Italy and Japan.

Committee Gratified

A high official of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies told "Reuter": "This is a splendid statement, even better than the President's four freedoms."

The official referred to the President's statement last May when, during a fireside chat to the nation, he defined the four freedoms as "freedom of speech and expression, freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, freedom from want and freedom from fear."

Opponents Silent

Some opponents of President Roosevelt's policy declined to make immediate comment regarding the Churchill-Roosevelt declaration.

The Republican Senator Mr. Austin, Assistant Minority leader, said that the declaration was "very fine."

The Senate's Democratic leader, Mr. Barkley, gave "no opinion" but the declaration would "well be received by all people resisting aggression, and would create universal interest."

Mr. Bloom, who is Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said "the statement crystallises the aims and aspirations within which all freedom-loving people are so closely joined."

Peace Keynote

Senator Johnston announced: "I am glad that the leaders of the United States and Britain have made peace the keynote of their conference."

Republican representatives said that it sounds "like the same old sales talk with a little more sugar on this time."

The Democrat, Mr. Reynolds, Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, said "why don't Britain and the United States start imposing the four freedoms in India and Russia right away."

Connally Approves

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Praising the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, Senator Tom Connally, the new Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, said: "This statement is a very splendid concept of the fundamental principles of Democracy. That shall be the basis of the future and the free peoples will be able to choose their own form of government is a noble and magnificent statement of policy. The work-out of this policy will have to wait the developments of events. This statement represents the general view of the people of the United States."

Significant Omission

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—While it is still too early to obtain reaction to the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, observers here consider it significant that Japan was not mentioned in connection with the eight-point declaration which the two leaders drew up.

Hitler's Teeth Drawn

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The declaration of President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill is regarded as a rough outline of the peace terms which America would support and which she would probably join in guaranteeing.

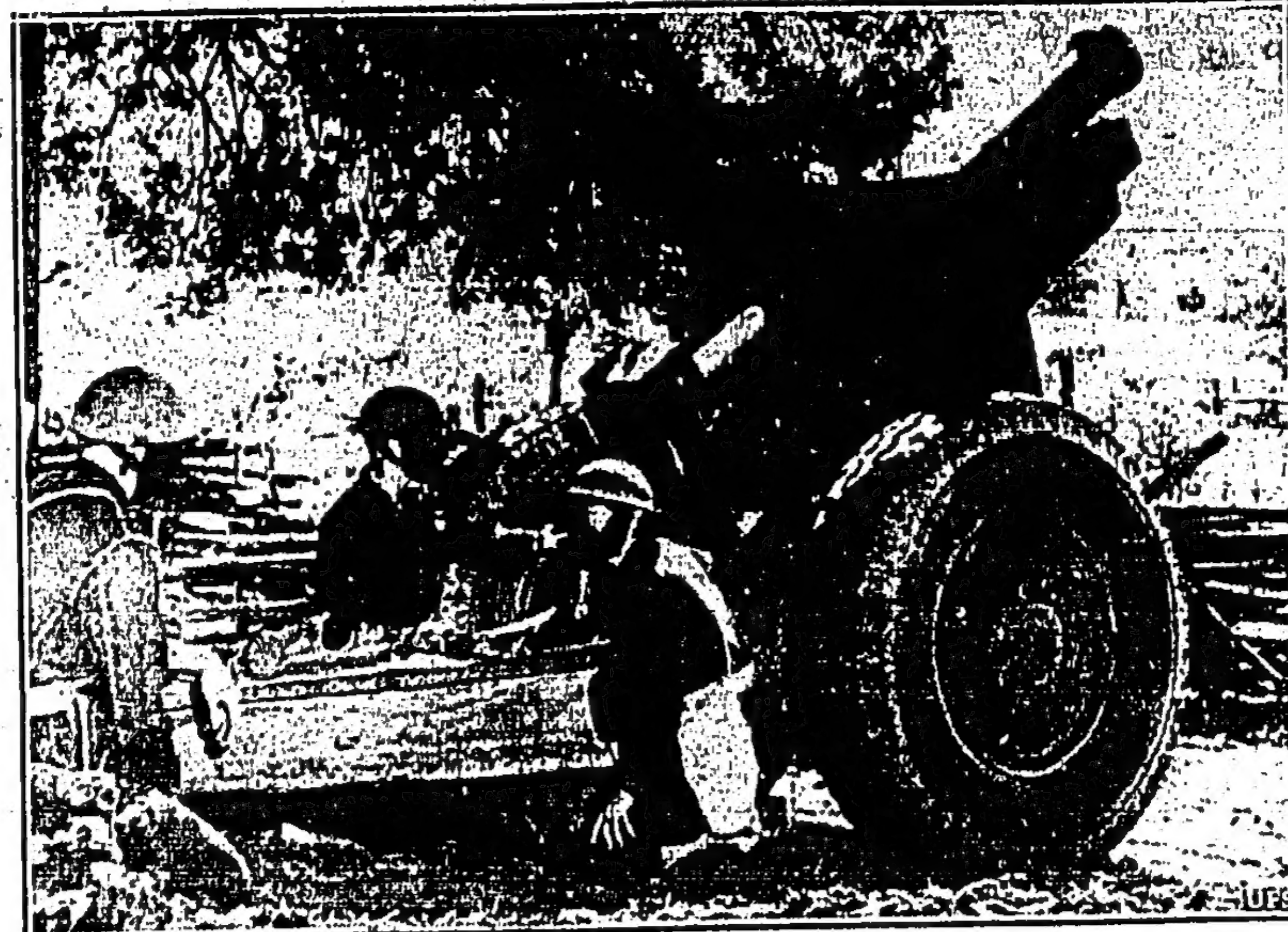
One of the most important features of the statement, in the view of observers here, is that it draws the teeth from any Hitler peace offensive that may be launched in the near future.

It is also considered that it will do much to unite opinion in this country in favour of the government—that is, the section of opinion which has been asking "What is it all about?" and "Why don't the Allies announce their peace objectives?"

Observers think that such questioners will agree that the statement goes as far as any nation could in the nature of peace terms at this juncture.

Beaverbrook In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, who participated in the conferences between President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, has arrived here.



PEACEFUL WAR—Pastoral setting of middle Tennessee contrasts with grim instrument of war, in this picture from recent war games in Tennessee mountains. This is 155 mm. howitzer and crew wearing gas masks making grimness more pronounced. Note ancient rail fence.

Darlan Preen Himself

VICHY, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, in an Order of the Day addressed to the armed forces, expressed pride in the great honour of his new position in control of all French armed forces which Marshal Petain had entrusted to him.

All could count, he said, on his determination, impartiality and his spirit of justice and his affection.

Admiral Darlan said that he knew that he could count on the devotion of all to the cause of France so nobly defended by Marshal Petain.

New Regime

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, in a broadcast from Vichy, called for full support for the new constitutional regime.

"France can now be re-born. Defeat must not lead us to despair but to meditation. That meditation will have to make full use of the country's national reserve," he said.

Admiral Darlan added that all the three armed forces would have the same slogan, namely "Honour, the Fatherland, courage and discipline."

The defeat of the nation could not affect the morale of the men whose heroism even the enemy had acknowledged at Dunkirk, Narvik, and recently in Syria.

In the meantime, increasing signs of unrest are reported to have followed Marshal Petain's broadcast. Trains bringing soldiers from Syria are reported to have been stoned and the men booted every reverse suffered by Britain so far in the war at sea.

Auchinleck's Secret Trip

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—It is now possible to state that General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, has been in London recently and is now back at his headquarters.

AUSTRALIAN WAR CONFERENCES

MELBOURNE, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Advisory War Council was in session throughout the day. No official statement has been issued but it is understood that the position in the Far East and other international developments were discussed at length.

It is believed that the question of Mr. R. G. Menzies going to London was raised but that it was felt that a decision was one that should properly be left to Parliament.

The War Cabinet and the full Cabinet are both to meet in Sydney on Tuesday.

CYPRUS TOWN IS RAIDED

NICOSIA, CYPRUS, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A town in the vicinity of the south coast, was twice bombed by the enemy this morning. There were a few casualties and a little damage but details are not yet available.

U. S. Petroleum Expert Visiting Britain

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Edwin Pauley left here by Clipper to-day for Britain and Russia on government business concerning oil transportation.

Mr. Pauley stated that he represented President Roosevelt, Mr. Harry Hopkins (superintendent of the Lend-Lease programme) and Mr. Harold Ickes, the Defence Petroleum Coordinator.

Mr. Ickes, speaking at a press conference, said that Mr. Pauley was visiting London to study the oil situation in all its phases and the British rationing programme.

Lord Willingdon

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The viceroy of Lord Willingdon will be buried in Westminster Abbey. It was officially announced to-day.

Knox Warns Of Armed World If Hitler Wins

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—"The American people should demand that we keep the jump on Hitler—jump on him first where there is any doubt about it," declares Colonel Knox, United States Secretary for the Navy, in an article in the current issue of "Collier's" magazine.

The article is entitled "Hands Off Navy Planes" and continues: "Naval and military intelligence estimated that if Hitler wins Europe and Britain, his ship-building capacity will be four times ours at least."

In addition, all Europe will then become Hitler's aircraft factory. It would then be in his power to build a sea and air navy bigger than our own—bigger than anything we have planned.

"But we have the jump on Hitler—in ships and ship-based planes, in the 'know how' of training and most particularly in the high morale and intelligence of our personnel."

Arguing for naval control of navy planes, Colonel Knox revealed that an American naval observer was aboard the United States' built Catalina aircraft which spotted the Bismarck, adding that the "unanimous report of our naval observers has been that to be effective the naval air arm must have planes developed by the navy for naval uses, planes flown by expert pilots who are navy men with naval training."

Reason For Reverses

"Our observers expressed belief in England's early failure to develop an independent powerful naval air arm has been primarily responsible for nearly every reverse suffered by Britain so far in the war at sea."

Colonel Knox takes no stand on the battleship-plane superiority controversy. "Our naval commanders contend that both battleships and planes are superior and properly used as co-ordinated forces, that they are invincible each in its own realm and in its close relation to the other."

Belgian Comment On Declaration

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The joint Anglo-American declaration was warmly welcomed in Belgian circles in the British capital, according to a Belgian news agency. Belgians praise it both for the principles which it enunciates and for the proof it gives the world of Anglo-American unity of purpose—and that of the nations which fight for the cause of liberty—in their pursuit of war to find an organisation of peace.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Senate approved by 35 votes to 19 a Bill extending military service for selectees, National Guardsmen and reservists by 18 months.

Vichy's Bad Faith In Syria: Soldiers Flock To Allies

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Following further breaches of the Armistice Convention by Vichyites in Syria, it is learned in Cairo that the Allies are now in a position to take such action as they think necessary to ensure a free choice by Vichy troops as Article 8 of the Armistice provides.

General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson has been obliged to protest specifically against three breaches of the Convention, namely:

(1) General Dentz denounced as deserters those who opted for Free France; (2) The families and baggage of many who waited for a chance to opt were summarily removed to ports of embarkation; (3) Vichy authorities sold a considerable quantity of war materials to civilians after the Convention was signed.

These improprieties are, of course, quite distinct from the bad faith, for which General Dentz and 34 officers are detained. This consisted of permitting British prisoners to be sent from Syria some even into Axis hands—while negotiations were proceeding.

Obstructions

In addition there have been numerous instances of Vichy obstruction—for example, 50 soldiers coming over at Tripoli were arrested.

By gendarmes and the authorities had to arrest the gendarmes in order to set the 50 soldiers free.

Up to a week ago, several thousand Vichy troops had rallied to the Allies and since then as many as 60 officers have come over in a single day.

Months ago, Vichy organised a special command of shock troops to fight the Allies in Syria. These troops were sent from France but now many of them have rallied to the Allies.

Altogether it is safe to say that many thousands more Vichyites will come over in the next few days.

Liberal Government

Meanwhile the Free French are showing a liberal spirit towards the Syrians and the Lebanese are being included in the administration of the country. A civil aviation school for the Syrians and Lebanese has been started and many are joining it.

The country is linked to the sterling bloc which should facilitate an economic recovery.

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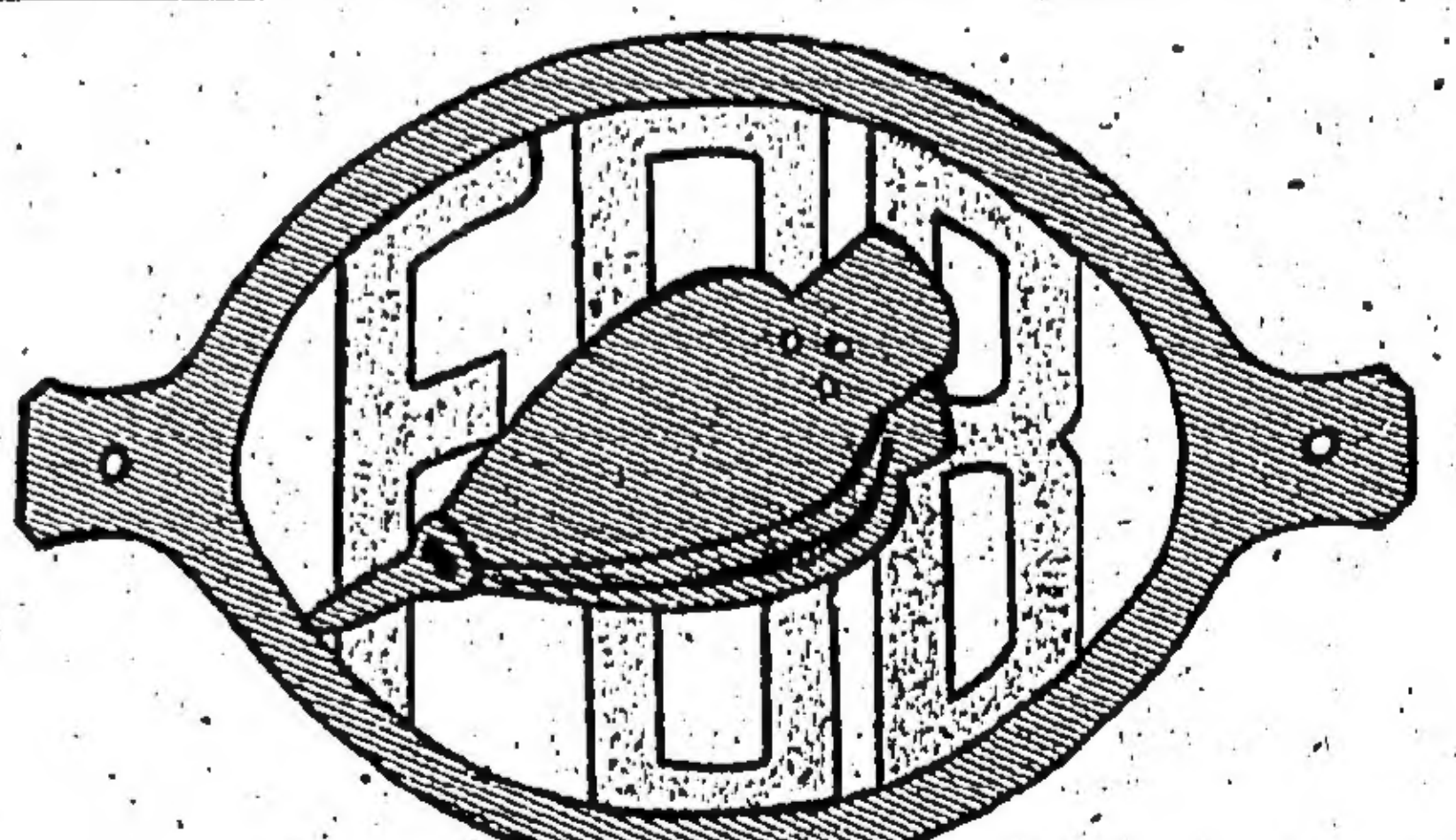
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Items Of Interest To Swimmers

V.R.C.-Lai Tsun Return Gala To-morrow

David Hutchinson Returns To The Fold

Splendid Swimming At Last Week's Combined Meet

(By "Tinker")

MOST INTERESTING ITEM on the aquatic schedule for the week-end is the return fixture between Lai Tsun Swimming Union and the Victoria Recreation Club, which will be held at the Chinese "Y", Bridges Street, to-morrow night, commencing at 8 p.m.

On the last occasion of meeting, which was on July 12, the V.R.C. gained a 32-23 points victory, this being mainly due to the efforts of the women.

If anything, to-morrow, the V.R.C. should have an easier win, for David Hutchinson will once again be turning out for them, and it should mean a win in the 100 free-style, which last time was won by Lau Tai-ping, of Lai Tsun, beating Lionel Roza Pereira.

For a little time, now, Hutchinson has been wavering in his affections, as it were. Earlier on he threw in his lot with the European Y.M.C.A., and, strangely enough, since his departure from the V.R.C. has been twice defeated over his distance.

The first occasion was in the Y.M.C.A. - University gala when Charles Huang put it across him in the Combined Meet, Tui Hing took first place, but in the very good time of 57 seconds.

Opinion has been expressed that he is doing the right thing, for it was at the V.R.C. that he improved his swimming, and it is there that he trains most.

The teams and programme for the gala are:
Women's 120 yards medley relay—C. Gutierrez, V. Churn, Tang Fung-kwan and Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun).
Men's 200 yards breast-stroke—J. Marquis and A. Alves (V.R.C.); Fong Cheong-yun and Tang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).
Men's 100 yards free-style—D. Hutchinson and C. Huang (V.R.C.); Lau Tai-ping and Tang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).
Men's 400 yards free-style—Huang and C. Silva Netto (V.R.C.); Yau Sai-kwan and Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun).
Women's 100 yards free-style—V. Churn and M. Noronha (V.R.C.); Ko Mui-ling and L. Po-kum (Lai Tsun).
Men's 100 yards back-stroke—A. K. Rumljahn and T. Lopes (V.R.C.); Lau Yui-ling and Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun).
Women's 100 yards back-stroke—C. Gutierrez and I. Lopes (V.R.C.); L. Sadick and Tang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).
Women's 50 yards free-style—V. Churn and J. Anderson (V.R.C.); Ko Mui-ling and L. Sadick (Lai Tsun).
Men's 120 yards medley relay—A. K. Rumljahn, D. Hutchinson, L. A. Benn and C. Silva Netto (V.R.C.); Yau Sai-kwan and Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun).
Men's 100 yards free-style relay—V. Churn, J. Anderson, C. Gutierrez and I. Lopes (V.R.C.); Ko Mui-ling, Tang Fung-kwan, L. Sadick and Cheng Oiling (Lai Tsun).
Men's 200 yards free-style relay—C. Gutierrez, D. Hutchinson, L. A. Benn and C. Silva Netto (V.R.C.); Yau Sai-kwan, Tang Cheong-ming and Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun).
It will be noted that the relays are altered to conform with the "Y" pool, which is only 20 yards in length.

At the last meeting, Chan Chun-nam did not swim in one or two of the events, though in his absence Yau Sai-kwan sprang a surprise in the quarter mile and beat Charles Huang. But he will undoubtedly do so to-morrow for it will probably mean first and second places in this event for the Lai Tsun.

Extra stands have been built at the "Y" for the accommodation of about 300 spectators, and electric fans have been installed to relieve the heat.

Entrance fee is 50 cents for reserved seats, and 20 cents for unreserved.

THE swimming of the Combined Meet at the V.R.C.

Lawn Bowls

Easy Victory For S.R. Solina And K.M. Omar

S. R. SOLINA AND K. M. OMAR, of Craignewer, had a comparatively easy entry into the fourth round of the Pairs lawn bowls championship yesterday when they met W. McLeod and W. S. Dall on the Civil Service C.C. green and won 20-15.

Eight of the losers' total were scored on the 19th and 21st heads—each being a 4. Solina and Omar opened with a 4, and augmented their total with three 3's and a single and led 14-2 on the 17th end. This was increased to 18-4 at the 11th, then 23-5 by the 15th, and eventually 28-7 on the 18th.

Scores were:
W. McLeod & W. S. Dall: 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 4, 0, 4 = 15
S. R. Solina & K. M. Omar: 4, 0, 3, 0, 1, 3, 3, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0, 2, 1, 0, 2, 3, 0, 1, 0 = 20

last week-end lived up to all expectations. It was a pity that the Chinese girls were disqualified in the 300 yards free-style relay, for the reversed result would have given first place of the gala to the Chinese Clubs.

However, they might also have been disqualified in the opening event, the 150 yards medley, for one of the girls went off too early. But in this race there was no one "topping," and the crowd that flocked around the starting end made it most difficult to see anything.

This, incidentally, is something that could be remedied. Non-participating swimmers should not have been permitted to cluster round as they did. It was most difficult to see who was who.

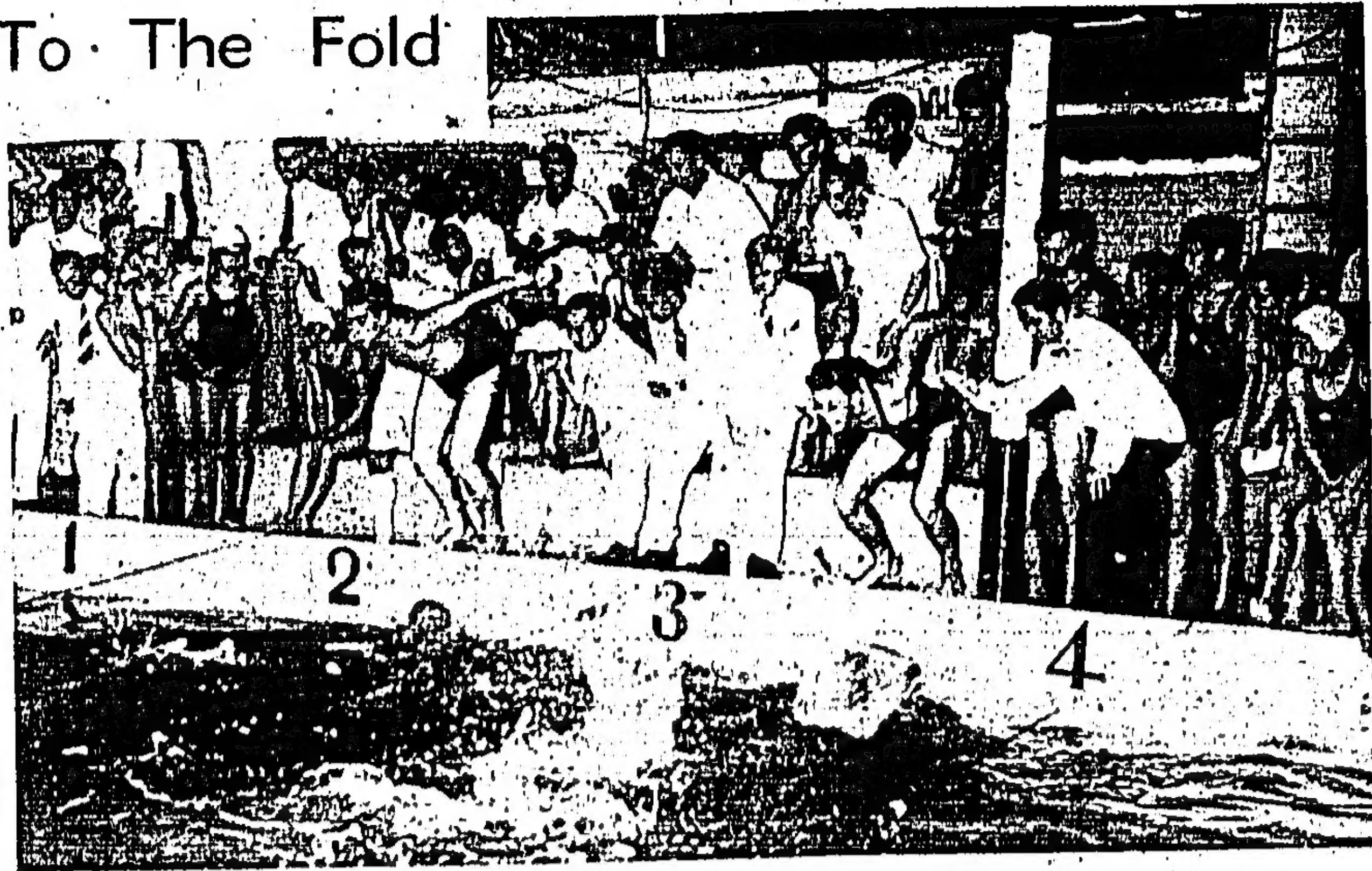
In the second race, however, it was on the report of the "tapper" that the Chinese were disqualified.

The accompanying picture shows the congestion of the starting end.

Outstanding competitor of the evening was undoubtedly Vivienne Churn. She swam great races in both the women's free-style relay and in the mixed relay later. In both she gained distance.

In the latter, especially, she overhauled the loss which had been sustained by one of the earlier swimmers, and more than that gave Hutchinson just a sufficient lead for him to beat Ng Nin and score one of the finest wins of the evening—for had the V.R.C. lost that race the whole result would have been reversed.

And there is the story behind one of the other events of the programme, but I don't purpose to comment.



W. Lawrence (V.R.C. "Y") and Charles Huang (Combined Chinese) taking off in the 400 yards mixed medley relay. Jackie Anderson (V.R.C. "Y") and Ko Mui-ling (Chinese), first swimmers just touching at the end of their lap.—Ming Yuen.

Major Baseball

N.Y. Yankees Whitewash Senators

NEW YORK, AUG. 14 (UP).—New York Yankees, American League leaders, overwhelmed Washington Senators 7-0 in the Major Baseball programme today.

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Washington	0	3	0
Battery—Zuber, Anderson;		Evans.	
New York	7	11	0
Battery—Husso; Ross.			
Boston	11	10	0
Battery—M. Harris, Ryba,		Dobson	
Babin; Pytkak.			
Philadelphia	8	10	2
Battery—Ferrick; Babin.			
Detroit	1	8	1
Battery—Bridges; Tebbets.	3	7	0
Chicago			
Battery—Lee; Tresh.			
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	4	10	1
Battery—McGee; Danning.			
Boston	3	7	3
Battery—Hutchings, Javery,		Erickson	
Mast.			
Chicago	6	11	0
Battery—Pascucci; McCullough.			
Pittsburgh	0	0	0
Battery—Butcher, Wilkie,		Klingner	
Dietz; Davis.			

for it would reflect little credit on those concerned.

Little had been heard of Tsui Hing, still less had been seen, therefore, came in the nature of a surprise. He is not a very graceful swimmer, but he is strong and speedy—as his 57 seconds in the 100 yards indicates. He is very definitely a threat to Hutchinson for the 100 yards Championship.

It has been suggested that three new events be included in the men's Championships at the end of the year. These are 220 yards back-stroke, 220 yards breast-stroke, and 150 yards individual medley. All three are very good suggestions, particularly the last, for in it there is a variation that should be most interesting for spectators.

It has also been put forward that the women's events should include back-stroke and breast-stroke over 50 yards. The present races are over 100 yards. I don't know how long the longer races are for the girls, but they seem to get along alright.

There would not, then, be any question of substituting one for the other, and I'm afraid that their inclusion as new events would make the programme too long.

But, again, the Championships are only held once a year, and they might be more complete if all distances were included in the programme.

And of all these events, I certainly think that the men's 150 yards individual medley might be considered seriously.

SPORTS ADVT.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The 54th. Annual General Meeting of members will take place in the Club House on Friday, 15th. August, 1941, at 6 p.m.

E. L. STRANGE,
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Screwball Story Of World Series

Most Appalling Incident

IN the 1918 World Series between the Cubs and Boston Red Sox, there was an incident so appalling that the memory of a man, the victim, has not yet recovered from the shock. The victim was Tom Clark, then a veteran second-string catcher for the Cubs, now a gray-haired scout for the Giants.

The way Tom tells it, even now with a quivering voice and tears in his eyes, it was the last game of the Series and Tom's first turn at bat when the gigantic horror was perpetrated. Tom, a genial giant, was getting along in years as an active player and this was the first time he had ever been on the roster of a pennant-winning Club.

It was the ambition of Tom's life to make at least one personal appearance in World Series combat before he closed his career, but his chance of working in the Series looked slim unless the regular Chicago catcher, Bill Killefer, should break an arm or a leg or something, which he did not do. He remained disgustingly healthy!

Babe Ruth—Pitcher

CAME the last game! And the ninth inning in the last game! Score: Boston 3; Chicago 2. Babe Ruth pitching for Boston.

Yes, the home-run hitter was a great left-handed pitcher for Boston before he became the "Big Bamblin'" in New York, and the two runs chalked up by the Cubs in the eighth inning that day marked the terminal point of Ruth's pitching string of 29 consecutive scoreless innings in World Series competition, a record that is still in the books.

Those two runs had disturbed the Red Sox manager, E. G. Barrows, now the President of the Yankees. When the Cubs opened the ninth with a safe hit and Ruth walked the next man, manager Barrows was all aquiver. He waved Ruth from the mound and put him in the outfield.

Bullet Joe Bush came in to pitch. He retired the first Chi hitter with no damage to the Red Sox cause. But there were two men on and only one out. Turner Barber was sent up as a pinch-hitter for Killefer.

Then came the clarion call for Clark. Manager Fred Mitchell of the Cubs—real name, Fred Yapp, one-time baseball coach at Harvard—looked along the bench and said:

"Clark! Get a bat and be ready to hit for Douglas!"

Hit for Shuffling Phil Douglas, the Chi pitcher! Then Tom was next man up! He might save the game for his club! Anyway, he was in a World Series game at last! Win, lose, or draw, that would be something to put in the family album!

He lovingly picked out his favourite bat, one that had "lots of wood in it," as the baseball players say.

Dream Reality

HE went out and took the crouching position of the next hitter as Barber stood at the plate and brandished his bludgeon in the face of Bullet Joe Bush. Tom was down on one knee out there, and maybe muttering a prayer, he suddenly thought of his wife. She was in a field box near the Chi dugout. He turned and waved to her, as who should say:

"Look! In a World Series at last! Your hero, honey! Watch me!"

While he was still waving to his wife, with the back of his head turned toward the diamond, there was a crack of a bat against the ball. Tom turned around quickly, took one look and swooned.

Barber had hit into a double play and the Series was over!

Gone was his chance of batting in the World Series! At least, that's how Tom Clark tells the sad story of his busted dream. But hold your hats, now,

League Soccer Fixtures Approved

Malayan Tour Reports

Fixtures for the 1941-42 season were approved at a meeting of the Football Council held yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. Wong Ka-tsun. The season commences on September 27 and ends on April 12, 1942.

A proposal by Mr. Charles Ying, representative of South China, that the First Division match between his Club and Eastern fixed for December 20 be played on the following day, which is a Sunday, was refused. Mr. Ying explained that the reason he asked for the change was to enable as many supporters of the clubs as possible to attend, the day being Sunday.

The Chairman pointed out that players and not supporters should be given first consideration, while Mr. J. McKelvie commented: "It is finance all the time."

Tour Report

A report on the Malayan tour by South China, made by Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, who has been succeeded as representative of South China on the Council by Mr. Charles Ying on his departure for Singapore, was read out by the Chairman.

Mr. Chen stated that apart from a riot in Kuala Lumpur, for which neither teams were to blame, the tour was most successful, so much so that South China had been invited to send teams there whenever possible.

Mr. Chen also expressed regret at severing his relations with the Council, and said that should the Association contemplate sending teams to Malaya, he would be only too pleased to offer his services in making the necessary arrangements.

The Chairman also read out a letter from the Treasurer, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, estimating that the Association would have to pay \$730 profits tax on last year's accounts.

Charity Match

An application by the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation to stage a match on September 13 between Hong-kong Chinese and Shanghai Chinese to raise funds for the Chen Chun-wa (Darkie Chen) Scholarship at Chi Nan University, was granted.

On the proposal of Mr. McKelvie, seconded by Mr. T. G. Stokes, it was agreed to issue a free pass to all the grounds to Mr. W. E. Hollands in recognition of his services to the Association.

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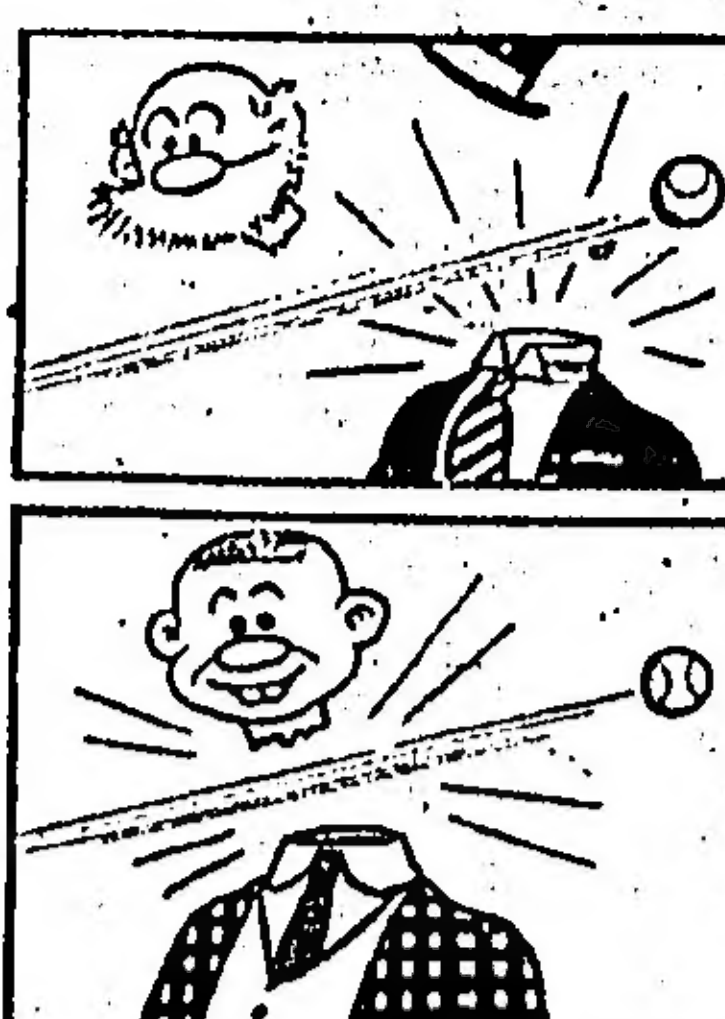
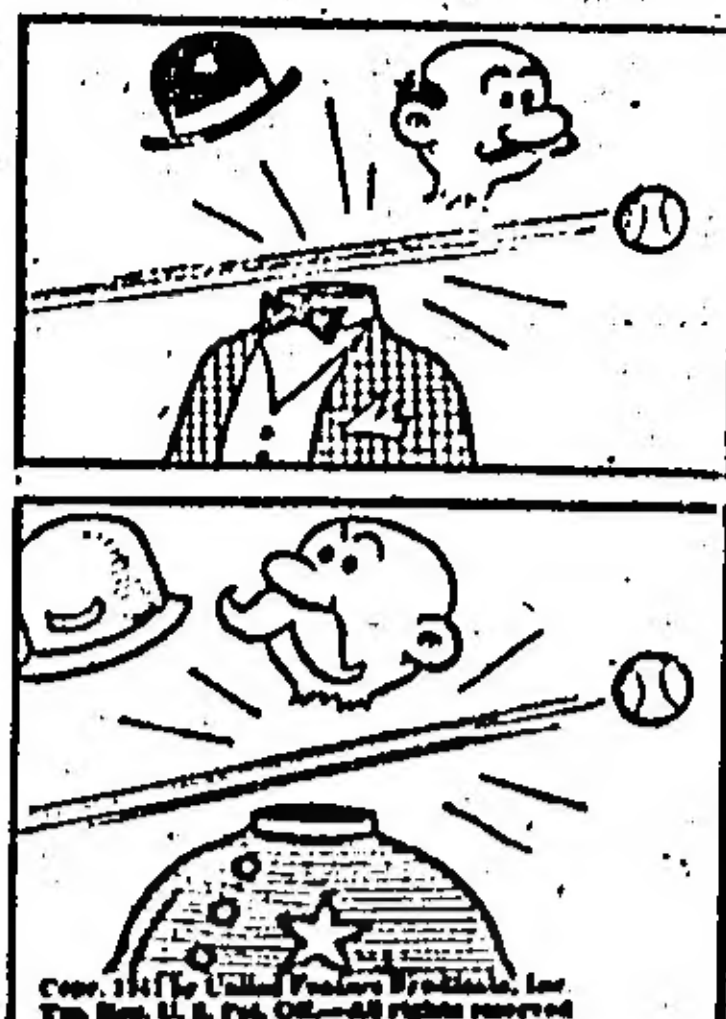
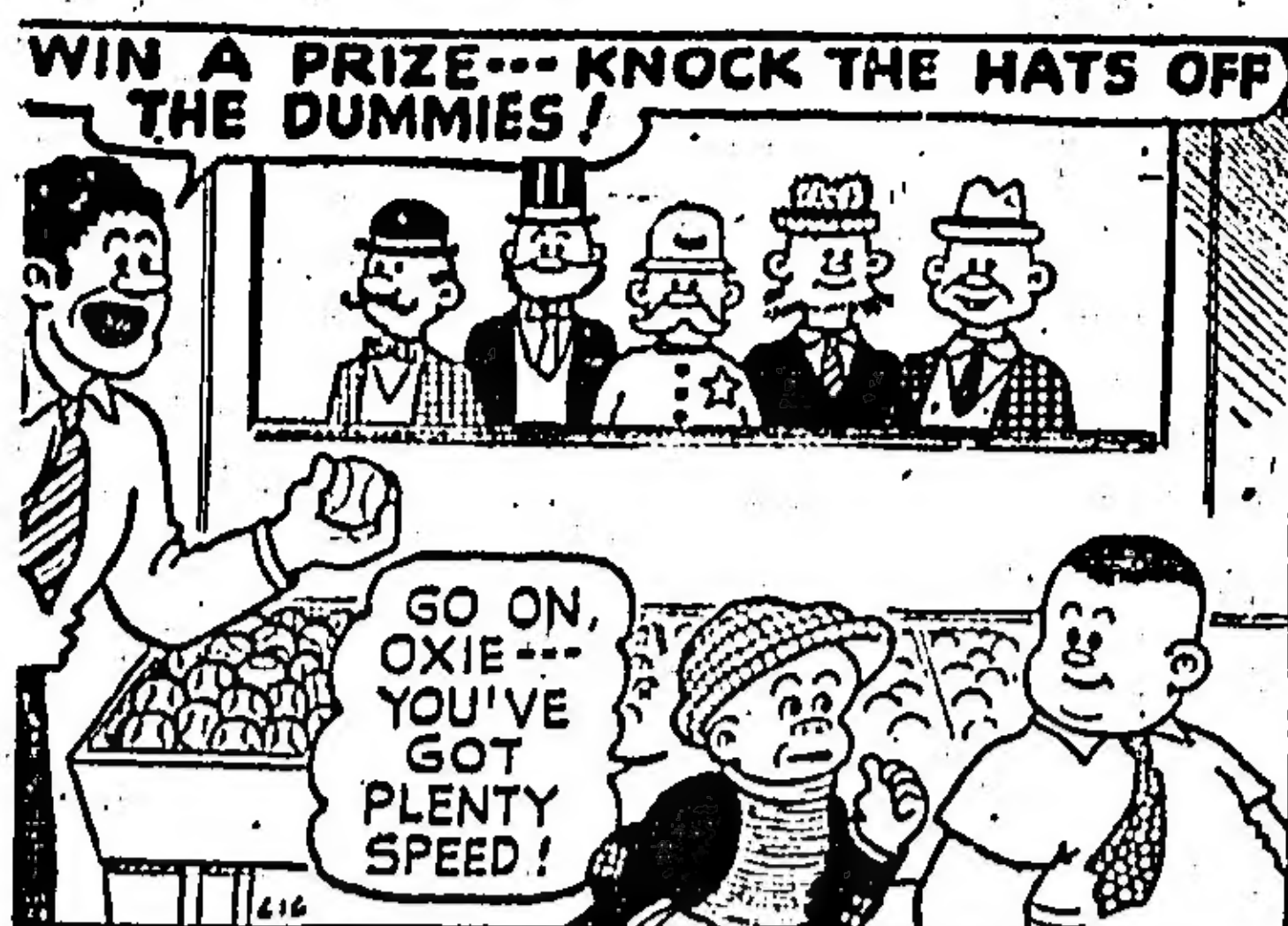
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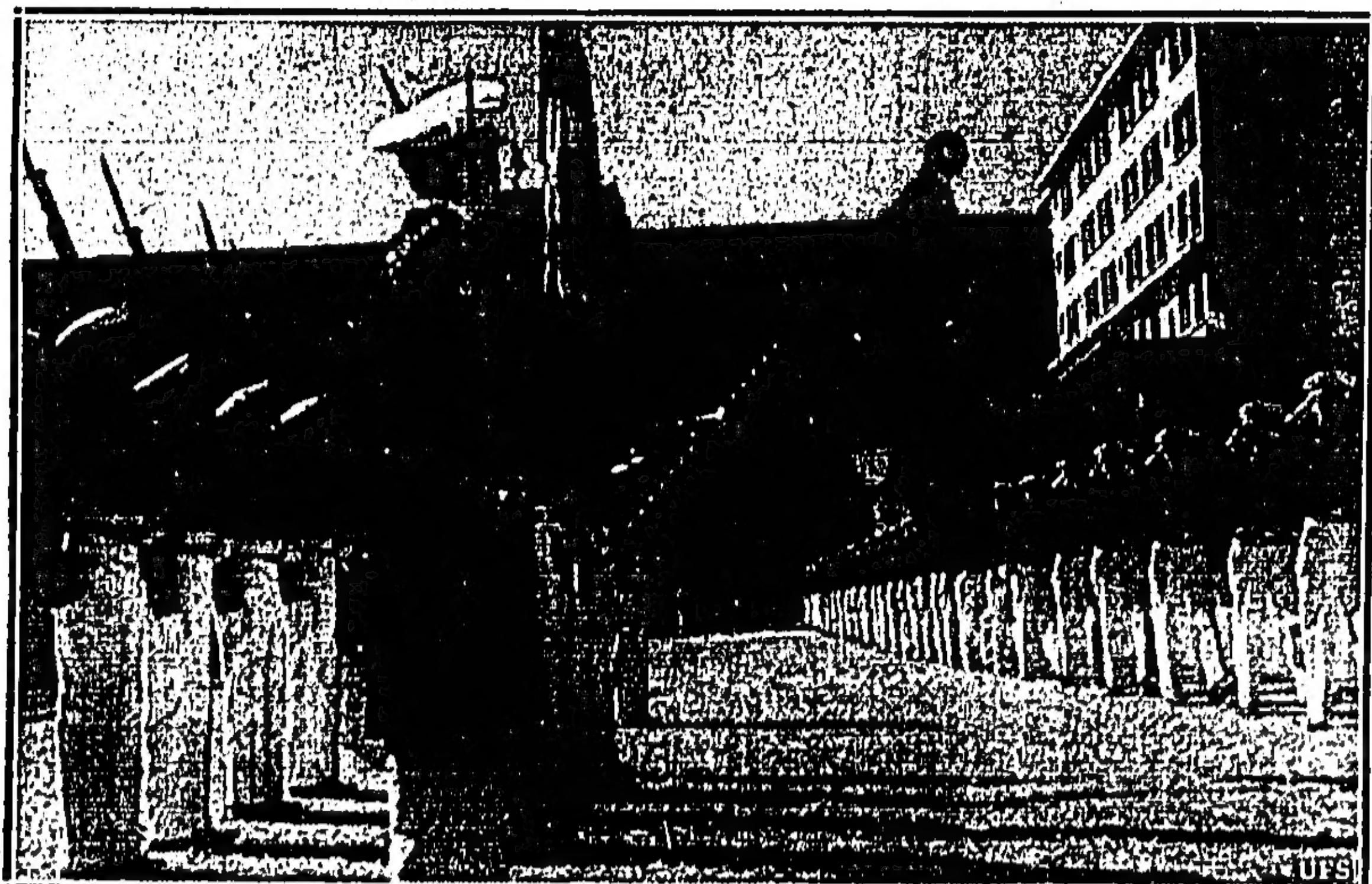
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BRAZIL'S FUTURE ADMIRALS—Cadets graduating at Brazil's naval academy, on the Isle of Snakes in the harbour of Rio de Janeiro, parade for Brazil and U.S. military officers on graduation day. U.S. Military Mission is co-operating to strengthen the island as a naval base and create a huge airport and underground hangars in this most important harbour.

Headmistress Alleges She Was Shot By Young Soldier

As she lay dying, having received four gun shot wounds, the headmistress of a private school at Hindhead told how she gave a lift in her car to a soldier who suddenly turned on her with a revolver, fired successive shots at close range, and ran off, leaving her bleeding and helpless.

Her statement was read before the Battle magistrates committed for trial at the Sussex Assizes 20-year-old Pte. Herbert Sidney Howard whose mother lives in Hunstanton.

Howard is charged with murdering Miss Mary Stella Griffith, 39, of Pevensy Road, St Leonards.

The events mentioned in the statement occurred on April 8, after Miss Griffith, driving alone, left the village of Cublington, Bucks, for St Leonards.

Beyond Aylesbury, said the statement, a soldier beckoned and asked for a lift, saying he wanted to go to Northampton. When Miss Griffith said she was going south, he replied that it did not matter if he got to a town.

At Windsor and Redgate the soldier, who appeared simple but polite, was disinclined to get out, and Miss Griffith gave him sandwiches and some cigarettes. He mentioned he had no parents and had been with friends during seven days' leave.

Fired Without a Word

Near Battle the soldier remarked that he was getting cramped and would like to alight and walk. The statement went on:—

"With his left hand he started to open the door, and suddenly I saw a revolver pointing at me quite low. He must have taken it out of his pocket with his right hand."

"He never said a word, but shot me through the chest. With my left hand trying to defend myself, I stopped the engine. I shouted, 'Help! Help!' He shot again."

Discovery Of New Fireproof Liquid

New York.

SIR John Madsen, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Sydney University, who is one of a group of five Australian scientists who will establish headquarters in the United States and England in connection with the war effort, has been invited to attend a demonstration at Washington of a new fireproofing liquid which the United States War and Navy Departments are investigating.

Australian officials in the United States are taking a keen interest in this material, which will be made available by the inventor, a Scandinavian occultist, who, after many years of experimenting, perfected it at Los Angeles.

The material is said to have very high military advantages, and aeroplane fabric treated with it will not burn. A blazing thermite bomb can be doused quickly with the liquid, and a blazing tank of crude oil can be extinguished with a spray. It is expected to prove one of the most important defensive developments of the war.

American Women Fly Bombers To R. A. F.

Part's Long Journey

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100 French Warships Are Continuing Fight

The "Free French" Navy, one year old in June, has grown in that short time from two warships to a fleet of more than 100 vessels, all playing an important role beside units of the British Navy.

The fleet came into being on June 28, 1940, at Gibraltar, where two French naval units took refuge after the collapse of France. Inspired by the determination of their crews to continue the struggle against the Nazis, Adm. Emile Henri Muselier flew to London from Gibraltar and placed himself under the orders of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the "Free French" forces.

Gen. de Gaulle entrusted Adm. Muselier with the command of the navy and air force, but apart from the two men-of-war at Gibraltar the admiral possessed no other armed vessels at his disposal. It was not until a few months later that he learned that the submarine Narval, since sunk, and the minelaying submarine Rubis were carrying on the fight.

It was the captain of the Narval who sent this famous telegram to the entire French fleet after the French-German armistice had been signed: "Trenchard all along the line. Am heading for a British port." He went to Malta.

The Rubis, after a brilliant campaign in the North Sea, decided to rally to Adm. Muselier. Her captain was decorated with the Distinguished Service Order on July 19, 1940, for outstanding operations that resulted in the destruction of several German vessels. He is considered by the British naval authorities to be one of the foremost specialists at present in action.

On July 1 last year Adm. Muselier issued his first order of the day, which instructed "French warships, merchant vessels and the air force to go without delay to the nearest 'Free French' or Allied base with a view to immediate operations against the enemy."

Recruiting has been so satisfactory that the "Free French" Navy has been able to man vessels originally destined for the Royal Navy. They have French crews and French names.

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Anzac Captives Worried Nazis

The fear and respect in which the Anzacs were held by the Germans is emphasised by W. B. Courtney, American correspondent who accompanied the German Panzer divisions in their dash across Europe into Greece.

Recording an encounter with a truck-load of Australian prisoners, Courtney says:—

"The Germans and Australians stared at each other gingerly, like creatures from different planets."

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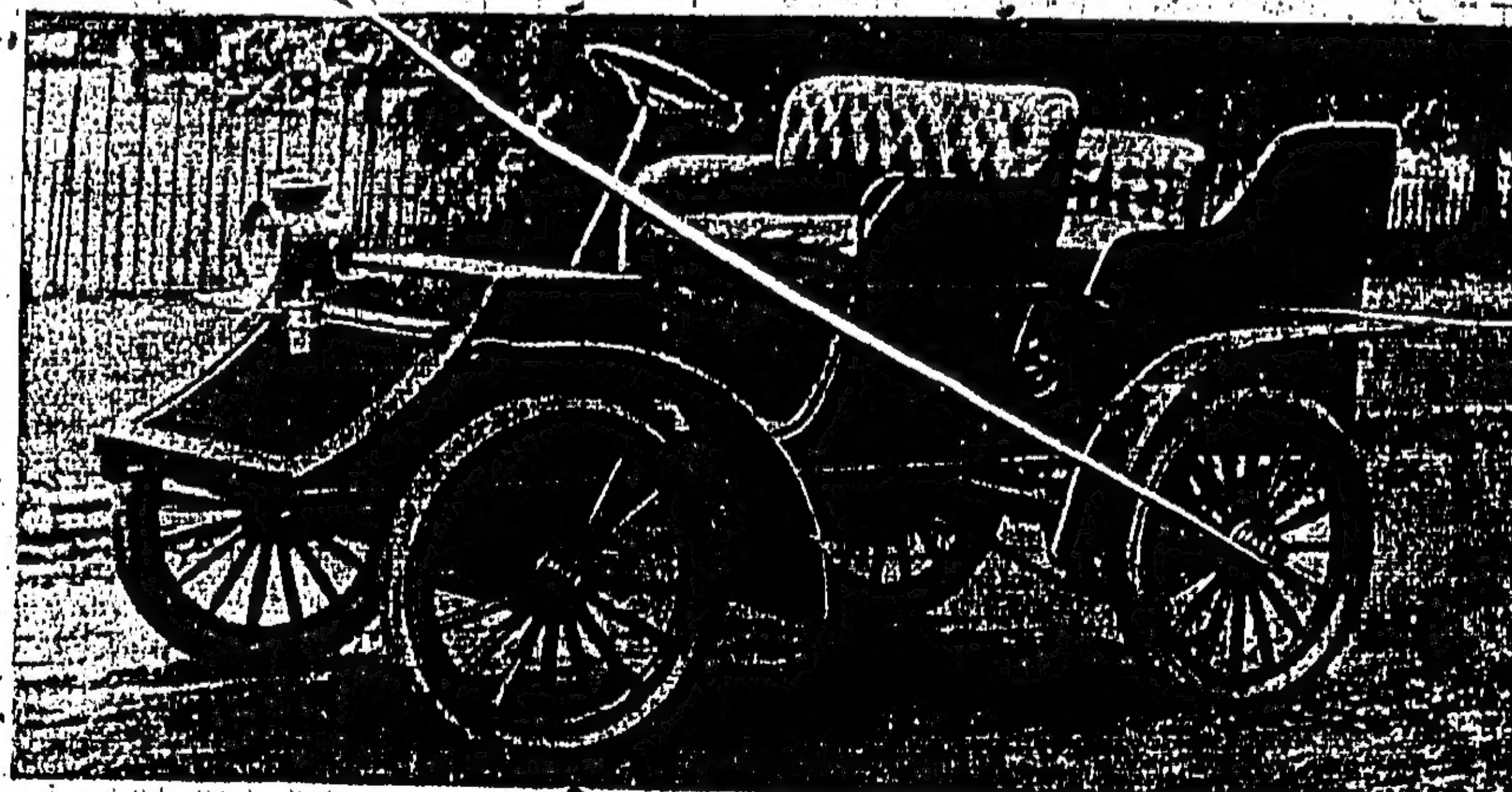
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JAPANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS

To Manchuria & Cambodia
Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (UP).—The military spokesman to-day stated that Japan had ordered four mechanised regiments to Manchukuo. Two have already arrived there and two are en route.

It is said that the Manchukuo authorities are prohibiting the entrance into Manchukuo of all Chinese and foreigners beginning August 15.

The spokesman declared that Japanese troops were driven back on Ichang during a fortnight battle and the total Japanese casualties are estimated at 4,500 men.

In Cambodia

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A report from Singapore states that an unspecified number of Japanese troops have entered Cambodia.

Thailand Gratified

BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Thai Government is gratified with the Anglo-American attitude to recent events in which Thailand is involved, said the Bangkok radio to-night.

Special attention was paid to the Eden and Hull statements as a cause of satisfaction.

The speaker declared that the Anglo-American governments showed a clear understanding of Thailand's policy as enunciated in the statement on July 29.

The speaker added that understanding with Japan was also good.

Negotiations Denied

BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Bangkok radio denied any negotiations have started between Thailand and Manchukuo since recognition of the latter state.

Thai Courage Praised

SHANGHAI, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Thailand's emphatic declarations of her determination to resist aggression are warmly praised in the British, American and pro-Chungking Chinese press.

While believing that the tension has eased, the "China Press" says that Japan is too well aware of her nuisance value to contribute towards any real improvement in the Far Eastern situation.

The Magistrate finally allowed bail for all three men in \$2,500 each.

Nords Agree With The Eight Points

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr W. Nygaardsvold, Prime Minister of Norway, stated that he had heard with great satisfaction the Anglo-American declaration. "It is most important that such clear and definite lines have been drawn up with regard to the basis upon which peace will be built."

"The Norwegian Government has already emphasised some of these points, which it feels to be of the utmost importance for the future and liberation of enslaved countries, and it agrees entirely with the eight-point declaration."

"The fact that the meeting has taken place on a 'battlefield' in the middle of the fight for the Atlantic would not fail to impress all sensible nations."

European Robbed

Mr H. V. C. Randall of China Light and Power Co., and residing at 474 Nathan Road, has reported to the Police the theft from his residence on Thursday night of money, jewellery, binoculars and microscopes to the total value of \$1,000.

Against this the Russians officially declare that the third German offensive has been smashed, that 29 Nazi divisions have been routed or destroyed, and that many other divisions have been totally or partially destroyed. Here is the Moscow communique on the situation:

It is officially claimed that the third German offensive has been smashed. Twenty-nine Nazi divisions have been routed or destroyed, not including "many others totally or partially destroyed."

A partial list of the totally destroyed German divisions was published to-day (Thursday), and it includes the 39th Tank Corps of the 8th, 18th, 16th, 20th and 19th tank divisions, the 5th, 137th and 100th infantry divisions, the 27th armoured division, the 53rd, 169th and 111th armoured regiments, together with the 448th, 449th, 188th, 464th, 153rd, 485th, 231st, 156th and 24th infantry regiments.

Countless Graves

"Pravda" reports that already many German divisions have been destroyed in the western direction and that only countless graves remind one that once those divisions existed. Dozens of other divisions have lost almost "half" and "others" more than half of their effectives.

In battles in the novel direction the 253rd Infantry division on July 8 lost their entire 453rd and 404th infantry regiments, and up to July 28 80 per cent. of their effectives had been lost.

In contrast to this report, the German High Command has issued the following communique:

The Rumanians have surrounded Odessa. The Russian defences in the eastern Ukraine are facing complete collapse.

Strong Soviet forces to the west of Bug are facing destruction. The occupation of this area deprives the Soviet Union of 61 per cent. of its entire annual iron-ore production.

Russian Summing Up

MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (UP).—Official Soviet sources, summing up, claimed the total annihilation of one tank corps and five tank, four infantry, one S.S. and one motorised divisions of twelve regiments.

They destroyed over 50 per cent. of effectives in 21 divisions including four S.S. infantry, five motorised and five tank.

The Soviet losses during the first six weeks of the war are put at 100,000 men.

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LATEST

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Donations To The Bomber Fund

A second donation of \$2,000 to the Bomber Fund has been received from Messrs Thorsen & Co., Ltd. On behalf of the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, Lt-Colonel H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., has forwarded two cheques, one for \$448, representing the profit from the Mid-dlesex Corporals' Dance, and \$137 collected from the "Bombs" held by the Battalion.

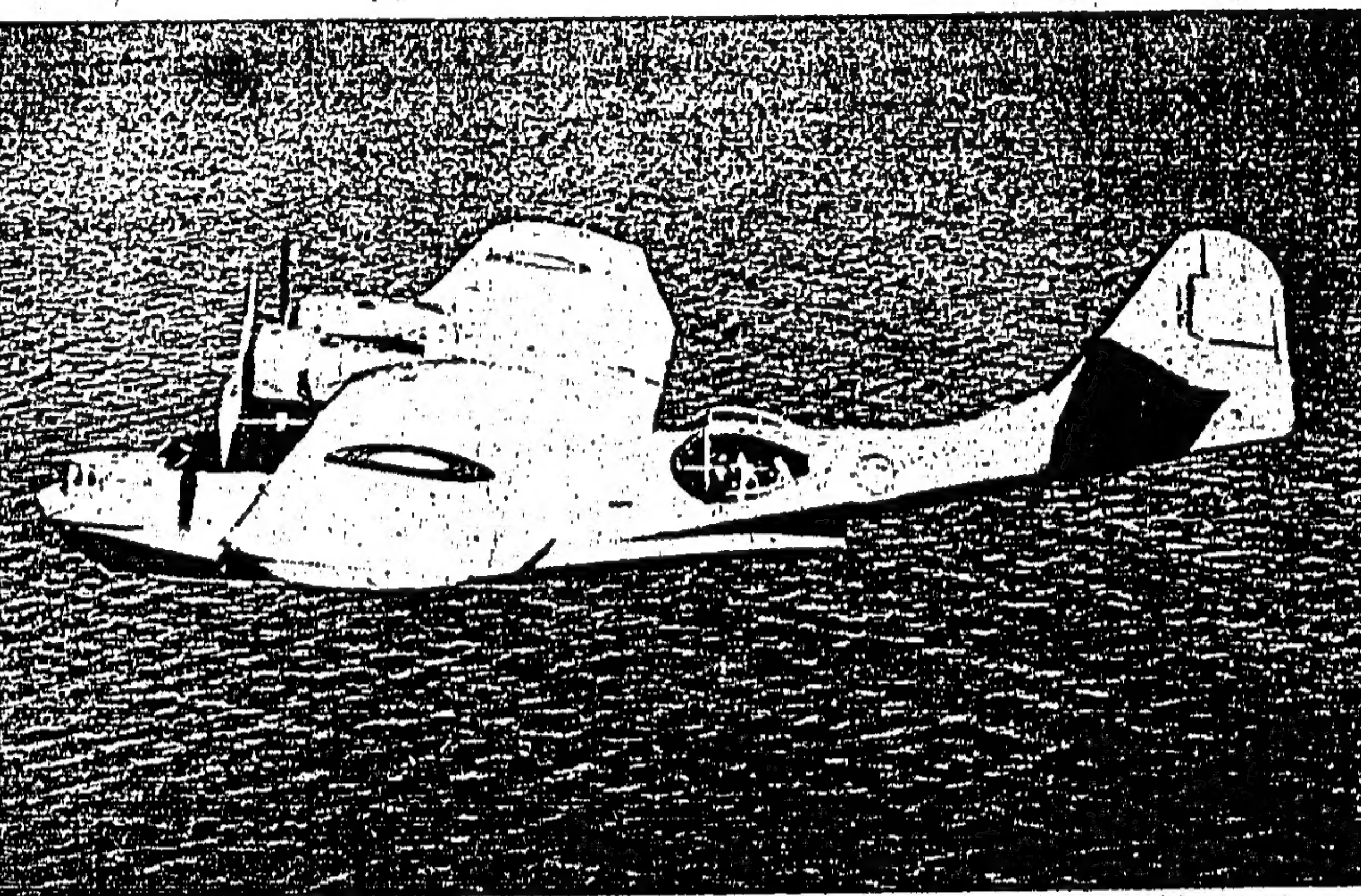
Japanese Residents Now Leaving Colony

Owing to the strangulation of their businesses as a result both of the British freezing orders and Japan's export restrictions, Japanese residents are now beginning to leave the Colony.

This was revealed by Mr Yano, Japanese Consul-General this morning, who declared that yesterday 30 women and children, together with some men, left for Japan.

About 400 Japanese now remain in the Colony, but they are in the process of selling out their businesses as it is impossible for them to carry on.

They will all eventually return to their home country, but hope to return when conditions return to normality.



Catalinas For Far East

American-built Catalina warplanes are being rushed to the Far East for the defence of British possessions. Their chief task is to maintain ceaseless watch for raiders and submarines. This picture vividly illustrates this type of aeroplane.

First Reactions To Dramatic Roosevelt-Churchill Meeting

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The news of the meeting between Mr Churchill and Mr Roosevelt has been the longest kept secret of the war. For fully a week there have been rumours of all kinds reaching England from foreign sources but British officials and all members of the United States Embassy in London maintained an imperturbable silence resolutely refusing either information or even comment on the foreign reports.

Points Discussed By The Two Statesmen

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 14 (UP).—(By telephone to New York.) Threats of a war in the Pacific is believed to be one of the chief reasons for the historic meeting between President Roosevelt and Mr Winston Churchill at sea. Now that the meeting has been disclosed, it can be revealed that the initiative came from President Roosevelt through Mr Harry Hopkins.

Mr Churchill and President Roosevelt have never previously met despite Mr Churchill's previous visits to the United States. During his Premiership, Mr Churchill had frequently held telephonic conversations with the President.

Aid To Soviets

The Russian war raised numberless questions especially regarding quick and effective aid to the Soviets. Other problems requiring review included American supplies for the British home and Middle East forces and also the conveying of American tanks and other war materials enroute to the war theatres.

Vichy's subservience to the Axis involving the fate of French North and West Africa, which also touches on Western Hemisphere defence, seems to call for fresh definitions of American and British policy.

Remoter, but important issues such as German influence in Iran have created rising concern.

Many doubters for the first time are now convinced that Germany can be defeated by the Soviet display of resistance. When Germany hurled roughly four-fifths of her armed power against Russia, the Premier and the President were impelled to formulate more decisive action.

Increased Tempo

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The Roosevelt-Churchill meeting is expected to signalise an increase in the tempo of American war aid to Britain and Russia, and also a firmer policy towards Japan; however, nothing has as yet been revealed regarding these possible objectives.

Refugee Children's Home Established

Under the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugees Children, a home for war orphans has been established in Shouson Village, Aberdeen, says "Central News."

Scores of refugee children have already been trusted to its care. More male children from five to 14 years old will be admitted.

Hiranuma's Critical Condition

TOKYO, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—

Pending a definite report on Baron Hiranuma's condition, all Japanese quarters are adopting a very cautious attitude concerning the motives or possible associations of the assailant.

It is understood that the Emperor not only sent his Court physician to attend the wounded Minister but also sent a gift of a basket of fruit—the traditional indication that the

The British public's first reaction to the announcement has naturally been one of intense excitement coupled with scores of questions about the full implications of the meeting.

The London evening press rushed special editions out with the news.

Many Factors Involved

It is realised of course that many factors have been working to draw the United States and Britain even closer together in general policies.

One aspect of the meeting which has attracted particular attention was the amount of time that the two leaders have apparently been able to devote to the discussion of post-war problems despite the attention they have also given to winning the war as quickly as possible.

One thing certain is that the coming together of two of the outstanding men of the hour has completely captured and inspired the imagination of the public of Great Britain and has provided an immense encouragement and impetus to the personal war effort of every Englishman.

Courageous Gesture

Mr Roosevelt's invitation to Mr Churchill will be fully appreciated while the Prime Minister's reputation for courage will be enhanced by his immediate acceptance and the unfaltering gathering around him of every man who could make the talks of the greatest use of both sides.

The British Parliament's reaction will be that due to two men who

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patient is in immediate danger of death.

Should his Imperial Majesty send a gift of red wine, this would be considered a certain sign that hope had been abandoned.

Military Inquiry Into d'Aguilar Accident

It is revealed that the military authorities yesterday conducted an inquiry into the accident at Cape d'Aguilar road which occurred on Tuesday night, when one member of the 1st Battery, Hongkong Volunteers was fatally injured, and several others seriously hurt.

The findings of the inquiry will not be made known for some time.

So far as the injured men now in hospital are concerned, it is learnt that A. Folsand, who sustained a fractured spine, showed some improvement during last night, although no vital developments are expected for some time owing to the nature of his injury.

Six other Volunteers who are still detained in hospital undergoing treatment to various injuries were reported to be making favourable progress.

They are Messrs H. W. Buckingham, W. M. Brown, J. G. H. Lander, D. H. C. Taylor, W. P. Clemow and N. F. Tucker.

The driver of the truck, L/Bdr Roscoe, R.A., is progressing favourably in the Military Hospital.

Mr Lander, it is understood, is the son of the former Bishop Lander of Hongkong.

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N.Z. WELCOMES NEW FUTURE

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Declaring that the Roosevelt-Churchill statement will be cordially welcomed in New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, said to-day that the document embodied in brief form the principles for which the British Commonwealth and all the Allies are fighting and to the triumph of which the United States is contributing so notably.

Mr. Fraser added: "Abandonment of the use of force as an aim of the war and the disarmament of aggressor nations as a preliminary to the establishment of a wider permanent system of general security will have the support of that great body of public opinion based on deep conviction and drawing strength from the moral and spiritual forces of mankind, which despite the collapse of the League of Nations, still believes in its fundamental principles as the only hope for the future of the world."

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REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 1939.

A. REGISTRATION OF BRITISH SUBJECTS

1. All British subjects (male and female) other than persons of Chinese race and members of His Majesty's regular Naval, Military and Air Force and the Hong Kong Police Force shall within two weeks of arrival in the Colony make a return in the approved form and shall deliver the return to the Police Registration of Persons' Office, 4th floor, Chung Tin Building, British subjects (excluding the exempted classes already mentioned) who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony shall report the fact to the Police Registration of Persons' Office within one week before any such change of address or intended departure. IN THE CASE OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS (INCLUDING YOUNG CHILDREN) THE RETURN SHALL BE MADE AND SIGNED BY THE PERSONS PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

B. REGISTRATION OF ALIENS

1. All aliens, other than those of Chinese race or those exempted by section 2 (5) of the Ordinance, who arrive in the Colony or who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony, shall report the fact in person or in writing for registration at the Registration Office (address above) within 48 hours after every such arrival or within one week before every such change of address or intended departure as the case may be.

C. WARNING

IT SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY NOTED THAT EVERYONE, EXCEPT THOSE EXEMPTED ABOVE, MUST REGISTER EITHER AS BRITISH SUBJECTS OR AS ALIENS. PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED AS BRITISH SUBJECTS OR AS ALIENS ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY. J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS, Commissioner of Police, 13, 8, 41.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per Share has been declared for the half year ended 30th June, 1941, payable on MONDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1941, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company, Kowloon.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1941, to MONDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
Hong Kong, 11th August, 1941.

MORE BELLOW'S BLOW-IN FOR BOMBER FUND

Yesterday's donations to the Bomber Fund included a cheque for \$3,000 from the "Fellowship of the Bellows." This represents the seventh "blow-in," the "Fellowship" now having subscribed \$35,000 to the Bomber Fund. The following is the latest list:

Fellowship of the Bellows (seventh donation)	\$3,000
Mingwang Shrapnel Box (sixth donation)	25.00
Mr. E. V. Ingham	10
League of Pleasant Dinner	10
K.B.G.C.	10
Bomb	10
Royal Hongkong Golf Club (1st centage of second raffle)	250
Mercantile Marine Office Bomb (fourteenth donation)	100
Louisa McNeary-Sir Sawoon V for Victory	45
Madame J. L. Hsu (in memory of the late Denis Edward Smith)	10

CHILD PROTECTION

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children acknowledges the following donations:

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp., \$250; Hongkong Tramways Ltd., \$100; Messrs A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd., \$50; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Merritt, \$100.

S. P. C. A.

The S. P. C. A. has received the following donations to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in memory of the late Mr. F. N. Merritt: From the 1940 Hongkong Dog Show, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tribble, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. P. \$5; European Staff Buildings Ordinance Office, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Merritt, \$100.

DONATIONS WAITING

Donations for the following Organisations await collection at the office of the S. P. C. A.: Lord Mayor's Charities, for the Relief of Air Victims, B.W.O.F., Emergency Refugee Council, New Territories Relief Association, H.F.B.C.G., Vincent de Paul S.P.C.A., Orthopaedic Centre, Little Sisters of the Poor.

First Reactions To Dramatic Meeting

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knowing the risks they took, took them that the cause of their country was worth the sacrifice along the road to victory.

Flair For Dramatic

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill has always had a flair for the dramatic—his offer of union with France and his broad-front within a few hours of the Nazi onslaught on Russia are but two examples—but none has caused so much as his latest undertaking in crossing the Atlantic for the historic meeting with President Roosevelt.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Supply, who has obviously taken a major part in the conference, is generally regarded as Mr. Churchill's right hand and has achieved prodigious things in stimulating aeroplane production. More recently he has performed further miracles in the production of tanks in his new appointment as Minister of State.

Well Kept Secret

Some of Mr. Churchill's closest friends had no inkling that the Prime Minister had left and had no reason to suppose that he had left Downing Street. Members of Parliament at Westminster were astonished when Mr. Clement Attlee, without a hint that anything was happening, told the House of Commons that Mr. Churchill would not be present during the session of the general debate.

No suspicions of Mr. Churchill's journey were aroused and no hint of what was happening was given during the full debate on the war which Mr. Attlee opened.

Days went by and inevitable rumours, mostly very wide of the mark, began to circulate and only a mere handful of the millions who heard Mr. Attlee's words were not astonished by the dramatic disclosures.

Washington Waited

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The capital was prepared for something exciting this morning and was not disappointed. Millions all over the country were listening for an announcement but it fell to a British spokesman in London to tell Americans of the dramatic meeting at sea of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt and the important conclusions they reached.

At nine o'clock, radios were tuned to hear Mr. Attlee's voice from London, and as soon as he had finished the announcer informed the public that the same statement had been issued in mimeographed form from the White House.

Seeing War Through

That the majority of Americans believed that President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill had been meeting took none of the drama from the announcement which was instantly characterised by some observers as being as near a joint statement that America will see the war through with Britain as any leader of democratic America could go without the consent of Congress.

That Congress will not fail to support the President is seen by Senator Tom Connally's first statement in which the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said that the declaration represented the general view of the people of the United States.

Radios Everywhere

There was tremendous excitement all over the country this morning. Thousands of Government workers coming into town had their radios open full blast and shops selling radios had loud speakers on the pavement giving Mr. Attlee's message to the people in the streets who gathered round in crowds to hear about the strange meeting of two great men "somewhere in the North Atlantic."

At the White House long before the statement was released the press rooms were crowded with eager and excited journalists and when the mimeographed statements appeared there was a wild scramble for copies and then a dash for the telephone and the cable offices.

House Interest

Congressmen and Senators were listening in no less eagerly than the public, and congressional leaders including Senator Connally and Mr. Andrew J. May, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, were persuaded to go to the radio station and listen in to Mr. Attlee. They then immediately "went on the air" themselves telling the people of this country their views on the statement, all of which were favourable.

Returning Hero

The first reactions everywhere are expected to be favourable and President Roosevelt is assured of a tremendous welcome when he returns to the capital. There is no doubt that he will be received like a returning hero for the drama of the meeting at sea has fired everyone.

In the joint declaration are enshrined principles very dear to Mr. Roosevelt's heart and which he has enunciated during more than one fireside chat since the war began.

Roosevelt's Ideals

Behind the fourth and fifth of the common principles lie the Rooseveltian ideals which inspired the New Deal while the sixth contains one of his most vital beliefs and in the seventh is the principle of freedom of the seas which is close to his sailor's heart and which he re-wrote into the American policy only a few weeks ago when he announced American naval and air patrol of the Atlantic.

As the significance of the common principles sinks into the public consciousness, it is recognised that the eighth of them is probably the most important. It is taken to mean in plain language that America and Britain are determined that all aggressor nations shall be disarmed meaning Germany, Italy and Japan.

Committee Gratified

A high official of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies told "Reuter": "This is a splendid statement, even better than the President's four freedoms."

he defined the four freedoms as "freedom of speech and expression, freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, freedom from want and freedom from terror."

Opponents Silent

Some opponents of President Roosevelt's policy declined to make immediate comment regarding the Churchill-Roosevelt declaration. The Republican Senator Mr. Austin, Assistant Minority leader, said that the statement was "very fine."

The Senate's Democratic leader, Mr. Barkley, gave the opinion that the declaration would "well be received by all people resisting aggression, and would create universal interest."

Mr. Bloom, who is Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said "the statement crystallises that aim and aspirations within which all freedom-loving people are so closely joined."

Peace Keynote

Senator Johnston announced: "I am glad that the leaders of the United States and Britain have made peace the keynote of their conference."

Republican representatives said that it sounds "like the same old sales talk with a little more sugar on this time."

The Democrat, Mr. Reynolds, Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, said why don't Britain and the United States start imposing the four freedoms in India and Russia right away?

Commentators

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Albert Warner, Washington representative of the Columbia Broadcasting System, pointed out that the meeting at sea symbolised the power which President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill represent. That sea power is now challenged by Hitler, he added.

Mr. Elmer Davis, another commentator, stated: "The meeting was nothing specific, it was a declaration of intent. It sounded like an American but not a British declaration of peace aims, he said, particularly the first clause in the statement which refuted isolationist arguments."

Hull's Influence

He attributed Points 4 and 5 to Mr. Cordell Hull, referring to Mr. Hull's words of the equality of trade and improvement of labour standards. The great failure of the Versailles Treaty was in the economic sphere, Mr. Davis added.

The N.B.C. commentator said that the statement contained a rough outline of peace aims, yet it brought the United States no nearer to war. This is the start of a peace offensive similar to that of Hitler, he added.

Connally Approves

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Praising the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, Senator Tom Connally, the new Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, said the statement is a very splendid concept of the fundamental principles of democracy. That we shall abolish the use of force and the free peoples will be able to choose their own form of government is a noble and magnificent statement of policy. The work-out of this policy will have to wait the developments of the future. This statement represents the general views of the people of the United States.

Significant Omission

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—While it is still too early to obtain reaction to the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, observers here consider it significant that Japan was not mentioned in connection with the eight-point declaration which the two leaders drew up.

Hitler's Teeth Drawn

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The declaration of President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill is regarded as a rough outline of the peace terms which America would support and which she would probably join in guaranteeing.

One of the most important features of the statement, in the view of observers here, is that it draws the teeth from any Hitler peace offensive that may be launched in the near future.

It is also considered that it will do much to unite opinion in this country behind the government—that is, that section of opinion which has been asking "What is it all about?" and "Why don't the Allies announce their peace objectives?"

Observers think that such questions will agree that the statement goes as far as any nation could in the nature of peace terms at this juncture.

Beaverbrook in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, who participated in the conferences between President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, has arrived here.



Above is the handsome trophy presented by the Chinese Association for the Promotion of Aviation to be awarded to the winner of the model aeroplane contest to be held in Kowloon Tong on Sunday. (Photo: New China Newsphotos.)

Young Marshal Report Denied

CHUNGKING, Aug. 15 (Central News).—A report published by a Hongkong paper that General Pal Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, has recommended to the National Government the re-appointment of General Chang Hsueh-ling, son of the late Manchurian warlord Marshal Chang Tso-lin, to an important government post, has been categorically denied by General Pal, who characterised the report as a "fantastic fabrication."

General Chang Hsueh-ling was dismissed from all government posts following the Sian Incident in December, 1936. Since then, he has been living in retirement.

INDIAN INTEREST IN IRAN

SIMLA, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Government of India's newly-appointed trade representative to Iran left to-day by land route via Quetta. His departure is regarded as a gesture of confidence in the situation in Iran where recent developments have not diminished interest in his mission.

The Indian Trade Commissioner in Mombasa (Kenya) was chosen for the mission. He will spend two months in Iran, exploring the Iranian market for Indian products, particularly piece goods, and will make a report to enable the Government to decide whether to appoint an Indian agent or a commissioner in Iran.

PARIS RIOTS

VICHY, Aug. 14 (UP).—Paris press dispatches reaching Vichy to-day reported that rioting which was provoked by Communists and Jews occurred in Paris yesterday in which shots were fired, wounding several persons.

Communists Riot

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Communist riots in Paris are reported by the Swiss radio which says that Communists started incidents outside Gare Saint Lazare last night. The Police arrested 10 people. Shots were fired and several people were wounded when attempts were made later to form a procession.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).

The Senate approved by 55 votes to 19 a Bill extending military service for soldiers, National Guardsmen and reservists by 18 months.

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LETTERS

Disagrees With Mr. Ferman
The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.
Sir,—I read, with considerable interest, the text of Mr. Harrison Ferman's broadcast to the United States over Z.B.W., which appeared in yesterday's issue of your paper. In my opinion, I consider that it was sheer stupidity on the part of Mr. Harrison Ferman to state that should the Japanese attempt to air-bomb Hongkong, squadrons of American warplanes might suddenly appear at their backs, "springing from 'somewhere in Free China'."

Y. K. CHAN.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,345 b.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....73 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....70 n.
Chartered Banks \$.....9 n.
Mortgage A. & B. \$.....23 1/2 n.
Mortgage C. \$.....11 1/2 n.
East Asiatic \$.....70 n.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$.....225 b.
Union Ins. \$.....405 b.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$.....185 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....120 n.
Steamboats \$.....8 1/2 n.
Indo-China P. \$.....80 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....70 n.
Snell (Barkers) \$.....50 1/2 n.
Waterboats \$.....655 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.....91 sa.
Docks \$.....15.80 b.
S'hai Dockyards \$.....28 1/2 n.

MINING

Kallian \$.....13/6 n.
Rauhs \$.....7 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....2 cts n.

LANDS

Hotels \$.....3.40 sa.
Lands \$.....x.d. 35 sa.
Lands 4% Debentures \$.....20 1/2 n.
Shui Land \$.....20 1/2 n.
Humphreys \$.....7 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....3.10 b.
Chinese Estates \$.....101 b.

UTILITIES

Trams \$.....x.d. 17.10 sa.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....52 s.
Y. Ferries \$.....22 1/2 b.
Shui Land \$.....20 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....1.30 b.
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....21.00 b.
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....21.30 b.
H.K. Electric Rts \$.....11.10 b.
Macao Electric \$.....18.40 b.
Sandakan Lights \$.....12.4 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....23.4 b.
Telephones (new) \$.....8 1/2 b. & sa.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold. Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.
Cold. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$.....25 n.
Canton Ice \$.....1 n.
Cements \$.....14 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....9 sa.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$.....18 1/2 n.
Watsons \$.....11 1/2 sa.
Lane Crawford \$.....6.45 n.
Sincere \$.....2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....39 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$.....1 1/2 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$.....37 n.
Shui Cotton Sh. \$.....305 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt 4 1/2% (1934) \$.....98 b.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) \$.....95 b.
Ch. Govt 5 1/2% 1925 G.S.Bds. \$.....42 n.
Entertainments \$.....6 1/2 n.
Constructions (old) \$.....1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....80 cts n.
Vibro Piling \$.....7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) \$.....5 1/2 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$.....1/6 n.

STRIKERS RETURN BACK TO WORK

LOWELL, N.J., Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Strikers in the Curtiss Wright Corporation's plant, who ended work last Saturday, have unanimously decided to resume work. The men were demanding higher wages.

The Corporation is engaged on \$800,000,000 worth of aircraft orders in connection with the United States defence programme.

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Hankow Hongkong
Harbin Hongkong
Hongkong Hongkong
Kobe Hongkong
Kuala Lumpur Hongkong
London Hongkong
Lyons Hongkong
Manila Hongkong
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Peking Hongkong
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Singapore Hongkong
Sourabaya Hongkong
Tientsin Hongkong
Yokohama Hongkong

FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND General Banking Business Transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for One Year or shorter periods in Local or Overseas Currencies at rates which will be quoted on application.

LOCAL CURRENCY ACCOUNTS also opened in Local Currency and Sterling with interest allowed at rates obtainable on application. The Bank's Head Office, in London, is under the execution and trustee business, and claims recovery of British Income Tax on deposits on terms which may be ascertained from any of its Agencies and Branches.

Many Killed In Big Air Raid On Chungking

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (UP).—It was revealed to-day that many were killed in Wednesday's air raids when a demolition bomb blocked the entrance of a down-town dugout with a capacity of 400 persons. An incendiary bomb landed in the remaining entrance filling the dugout with fumes.

Three waves of Japanese bombers totalling 117 planes subjected Chungking to a two-and-a-half-hour raid between 10.50 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. to-day, again concentrating on the area between the Press Hotel and the city's west wall.

Eye witnesses on the south bank of the river confirm that no bombs landed in the safety zone area.

Twenty-three other planes bombed Hainan.

Raid Easing Off

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—After six days and nights of intensive aerial bombing of Chungking, the Japanese aerial offensive appeared to be easing off somewhat to-day.

No raid occurred during the night though two waves of 80 aircraft raided the western suburbs and also the south bank of the Yangtze at noon.

Meanwhile China to-day is observing "Chinese Air Force Day." A new campaign has been launched to raise funds among Chinese both here and overseas for the purchase of aircraft for the Chinese Air Force. The day is designated as "Air Force Day" in commemoration of the first Japanese formation of heavy bombers which was practically wiped out by Chinese fighters.

During the past four years, the Chinese claim that 2,654 Japanese aeroplanes have been shot down or destroyed on the ground while 2,650 Japanese airmen have been either killed or taken prisoner.

The Chinese Air Force was organised only a few years before the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937.

Viceroy Speaks At ARP Rally

BOMBAY, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—"The war is a long way from being over yet," said Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, addressing a mass rally of A.R.P. workers here to-day.

"Even when the war begins to turn in our favour, we shall have a long and rough passage before us, for we have got to make a good job of it this time."

Warning against complacency, Lord Linlithgow said that so far India was untouched by hostile aircraft.

"To-morrow the war may be at our gates. This is an all-in war and the front is in the homes of each of us," added the Viceroy, who was supporting the Governor of Bombay's appeal for 20,000 additional A.R.P. workers.

Oil Leaves U.S. For Reds To-day

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Defence Petroleum Co.-ordinator, Mr. Harold Tokes, announced that the first shipment of aviation petrol to Russia aboard an American tanker would leave Los Angeles for Vladivostok to-day, flying the United States flag.

Shai War Anniversary Fund Drive

Up to last evening, more than NC\$100,000 had been raised by the Gold and Silver Exchange in the fund campaign started on August 13 in observance of the fourth anniversary of the Shanghai hostilities, says "Central News."

A check-up of the donation box at the Sun Company yesterday showed that about NC\$5,000 was collected. Considerable amounts were also collected in other departmental stores.

Cordell Hull Down To Fundamentals

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, described the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration as a statement of basic principles and fundamental ideas of policy that are universal in their practical application.

"Up to now they have been generally accepted by all civilized nations and they were being strongly supported until certain countries decided to launch a universal movement to destroy the whole structure of civilized relations between nations and to establish a system of rule over peoples who would be conquered, based on barbarism and savagery. That interruption is still going on."

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/27 1/2
Demand London	1/27 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	485
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2 n.
T.T. India	32 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	49 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	105
T.T. Switzerland	105
T.T. Australia	10 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/31 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/31 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	84 1/2
30 d/a India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	—

Thailand Denies U.S. Offer

Buddhists Pray For Peace

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH", BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (UP).—A Foreign Office communique issued to-day denied that a grant was offered to the Thai Premier for United States military aid in exchange for the abandonment of her pro-Japanese policy. The communique added that there were "no grounds for such an offer."

Thailand is politically friendly with all other nations and the conversations concerned the promotion of a better understanding.

Prayers For Peace

BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (UP).—Lao commentators state that repeatedly for the past consecutive three nights, a peace message has been sounded according to "the spirit advocated by Buddha."

They asserted that the Government contemplated submitting a peace proposal to the countries concerned. Being a small country, Thailand may meet with utter failure," but they cautioned that should the foundation of peace be shaken, the cause will arise from external affairs. They added that Buddha's curse will befall those who offend over 500 Buddhists.

New Thai Minister

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The White House to-day nominated Mr. Willis Peck, Counsellor of the United States Embassy at Peking to become Minister to Thailand.

U. S. Supplies To China

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The United States is sending 800,000 tons of supplies to China as part of the American Aid to China programme, it is stated here.

American transport experts returned here to-day after surveying transport on the Burma Road. They declared that the present tonnage over the Road can be doubled or even trebled.

Belgian Comment On Declaration

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The joint Anglo-American declaration was warmly welcomed in Belgium circles in the British capital, according to a Belgian news agency. Belgians praise it both for the principles which it enunciates and for the proof it gives the world of Anglo-American unity of purpose—and that of the nations which fight for the cause of liberty—in their pursuit of war to find an organisation of peace.



PEACEFUL WAR—Pastoral setting of middle Tennessee contrasts with grim instrument of war, in this picture from recent war games in Tennessee mountains. This is 155 mm. howitzer and crew wearing gas masks making grimness more pronounced. Note ancient rail fence.

Darlan Preens Himself

VICHY, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, in an Order of the Day addressed to the armed forces, expressed pride in the great honour of his new position in control of all French armed forces which Marshal Petain had entrusted to him.

All could count, he said, on his determination, impartiality and his spirit of justice and his affection. Admiral Darlan said that he knew that he could count on the devotion of all to the cause of France so nobly defended by Marshal Petain.

New Regime

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, in a broadcast from Vichy, called for full support for the new constitutional regime.

"France can now be re-born. Defeat must not lead us to despair but to meditation. That meditation will have to make full use of the country's national reserve," he said.

Admiral Darlan added that all the three armed forces would have the same slogan, namely "Honour, the Fatherland, courage and discipline." The defeat of the nation could not affect the morale of the men whose heroism even the enemy had acknowledged at Dunkirk, Narvik, and recently in Syria.

In the meantime, increasing signs of unrest are reported to have followed Marshal Petain's broadcast. Trains bringing soldiers from Syria are reported to have been stoned and the men booed.

The Government have prohibited the flying of the American flag because it causes anti-Vichy demonstrations.

Auchinleck's Secret Trip

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—It is now possible to state that General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, has been in London recently and is now back at his headquarters.

AUSTRALIAN WAR CONFERENCES

MELBOURNE, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Advisory War Council was in session throughout the day. No official statement has been issued but it is understood that the position in the Far East and other international developments were discussed at length.

It is believed that the question of Mr. R. G. Menzies going to London was raised but that it was felt that a decision was one that should properly be left to Parliament.

The War Cabinet and the full Cabinet are both to meet in Sydney on Tuesday.

CYPRUS TOWN IS RAIDED

NICOSIA, CYPRUS, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A town in the vicinity of the south coast was twice bombed by the enemy this morning. There were a few casualties and a little damage but details are not yet available.

U. S. Petroleum Expert Visiting Britain

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Edwin Pauley left here by Clipper to-day for Britain and Russia on "government" business concerning oil transportation.

Mr. Pauley stated that he represented President Roosevelt, Mr. Harry Hopkins (superior of the Lend-Lease programme) and Mr. Harold Ickes, the Defence Petroleum Co-ordinator.

Mr. Ickes, speaking at a press conference, said that Mr. Pauley was visiting London to study the oil situation in all its phases and the British rationing programme.

Lord Willingdon

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The ashes of Lord Willingdon will be buried in Westminster Abbey, it was officially announced to-day.

Knox Warns Of Armed World If Hitler Wins

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—"The American people should demand that we keep the jump on Hitler—jump on him first where there is any doubt about it," declares Colonel Knox, United States Secretary for the Navy, in an article in the current issue of "Collier's" magazine.

The article is entitled "Hands Off Navy Planes" and continues: "Naval and military intelligence estimated that if Hitler wins Europe and Britain, his ship-building capacity will be four times ours at least."

In addition, all Europe will then become Hitler's aircraft factory. It would then be in his power to build a sea and air navy bigger than our own—bigger than anything we have planned.

"But we have the jump on Hitler—in ships and ship-based planes, in the 'know how' of training and most particularly in the high morale and intelligence of our personnel."

Arguing for naval control of navy planes, Colonel Knox revealed that an American naval observer was aboard the United States' built Catalina aircraft which spotted the Bismarck, adding that the "unanimous report of our naval observers has been that to be effective the naval air arm must have planes developed by the navy for naval uses, planes flown by expert pilots who are navy men with naval training."

Reason For Reverses

"Our observers expressed belief in England's early failure to develop an independent powerful naval air arm has been primarily responsible for nearly every reverse suffered by Britain so far in the war at sea," Colonel Knox takes no stand on the battleship-plane superiority controversy.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Second Anniversary

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—His Majesty desires that Sunday, September 7, being the Sunday following the second anniversary of the outbreak of war, should be observed a national day of prayer.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking of the wide response to the King's request, said: "As the third year of the war begins, while there is much for which we have reason to give thanks, there is a special call to remember in prayer the armies and people of Russia in their heroic resistance to the military might of Germany and the new and grave anxieties which are rising in the Near and Far East. We know not what trials or dangers may be coming. Pray we, therefore, for courage to meet them and for strength to overcome them."

Vichy's Bad Faith In Syria: Soldiers Flock To Allies

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Following further breaches of the Armistice Convention by Vichyites in Syria, it is learned in Cairo that the Allies are now in a position to take such action as they think necessary to ensure a free choice by Vichy troops as Article 8 of the Armistice provides.

General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson has been obliged to protest specifically against three breaches of the Convention, namely:

(1) General Dentz denounced as deserters those who opted for Free France; (2) The families and baggage of many who waited for a chance to opt were summarily removed to ports of embarkation; (3) Vichy authorities sold a considerable quantity of war materials to civilians after the Convention was signed.

These improprieties are, of course, quite distinct from the bad faith for which General Dentz and 34 officers are detained. This consisted of permitting British prisoners to be sent from Syria—some even into Axis hands—while negotiations were proceeding.

Obstructions

In addition there have been numerous instances of Vichy obstruction—for example, 60 soldiers coming over at Tripoli were arrested by gendarmes and the authorities had to arrest the gendarmes in order to get the 60 soldiers free.

Up to a week ago, several thousand Vichy troops had rallied to the Allies and since then as many as 60 officers have come over in a single day.

Months ago, Vichy organised a special command of shock troops to fight the Allies in Syria. These troops were sent from France but now many of them have rallied to the Allies.

Liberal Government

Meanwhile the Free French are showing a liberal spirit towards the Syrians and the Lebanese are being included in the administration of the country. A civil aviation school for the Syrians and Lebanese has been started and many are joining it.

No British Ambition

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Letters exchanged by Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Minister of State, and General de Gaulle dated August 7 and published to-day, re-affirm Anglo-French determination to give independence to Syria and Lebanon whilst underlining British recognition of France's pre-eminent place in those countries.

Mr. Lyttelton's letter states: "Britain recognises France's pre-eminent place in those countries. Britain has no interest in Syria and Lebanon except to win the war. Both Free France and Britain have pledged the independence of Syria and Lebanon. When this essential step is taken and without prejudice to it we freely admit that France should have a predominant position in Syria and Lebanon over any other European Power."

It is authoritatively understood that Free France will be the first to conclude a treaty with Syria and Lebanon.

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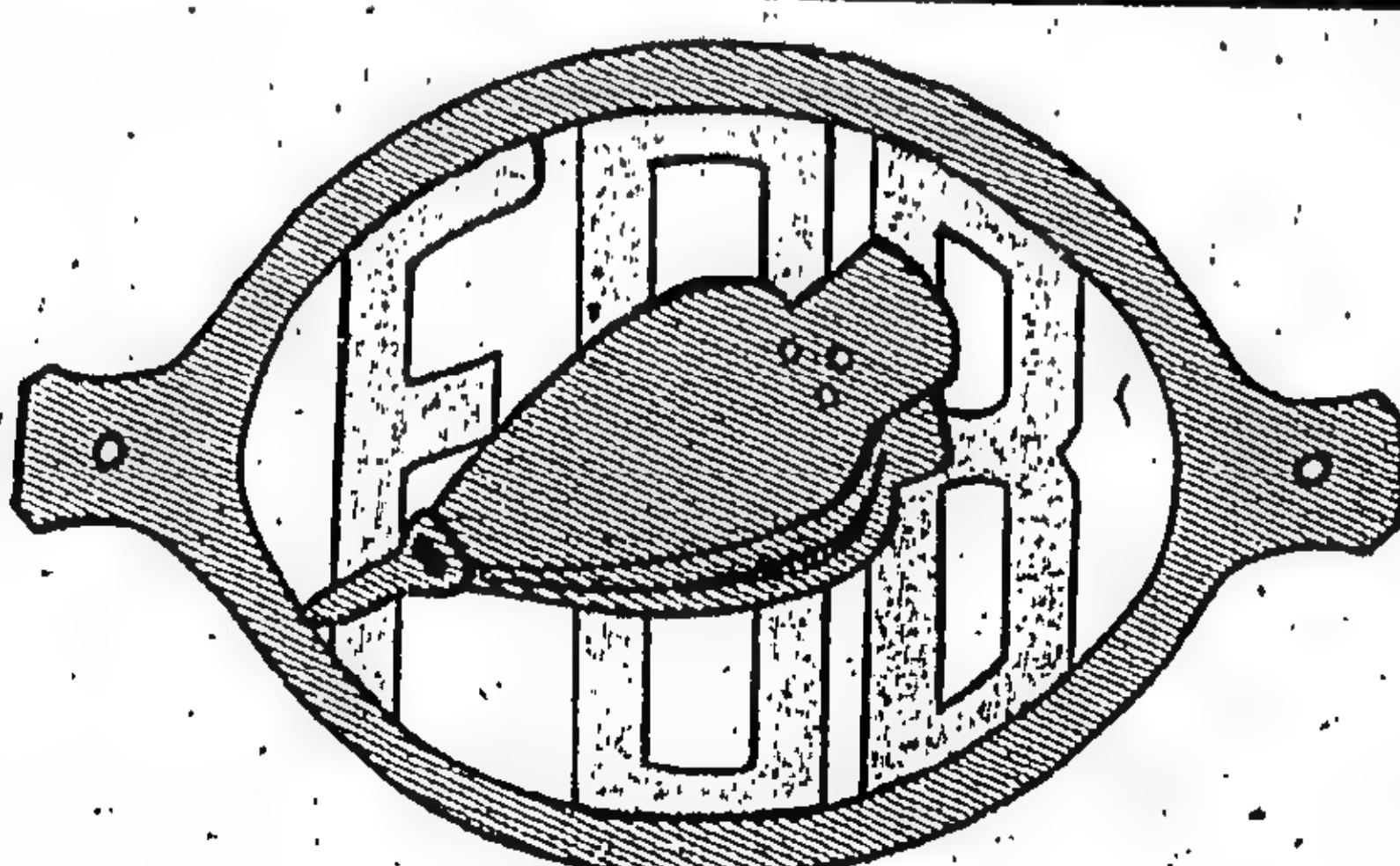
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Items Of Interest To Swimmers

V.R.C.-Lai Tsun Return Gala To-morrow

David Hutchinson Returns To The Fold

Splendid Swimming At Last Week's Combined Meet

(By "Tinker")

MOST INTERESTING ITEM on the aquatic schedule for the week-end is the return fixture between Lai Tsun Swimming Union and the Victoria Recreation Club, which will be held at the Chinese "Y", Bridges Street, to-morrow night, commencing at 8 p.m.

On the last occasion of meeting, which was on July 12, the V.R.C. gained a 32-23 points victory, this being mainly due to the efforts of the women.

If anything, to-morrow, the V.R.C. should have an easier win, for David Hutchinson will once again be turning out for them, and it should mean a win in the 100 free-style, which last time was won by Lau Tai-ping, of Lai Tsun, beating Lionel Roza Pereira.

For a little time, now, Hutchinson has been wavering in his affections, as it were. Earlier on he threw in his lot with the European Y.M.C.A., and, strangely enough, since his departure from the V.R.C. has been twice defeated over his distance.

The first occasion was in the Y.M.C.A. University gala when Charles Huang put it across him in over 60 seconds. Last week-end in the Combined Meet, Tsui Hang took first place, but in the very good time of 57 seconds.

Opinion has been expressed that he is doing the right thing for it was at the V.R.C. that he improved his swimming, and it is there that he trains most.

The teams and programme for the gala are:

Women's 100 yards medley relay—C. Gutierrez, V. Chiu, Tang Fung-kwan, and Ko Miu-ling (Lai Tsun).

Men's 100 yards free-style—L. Lau, Yau Sai-kwan, and Tang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).

Men's 100 yards breast-stroke—V. Chiu, and C. Huang (V.R.C.); Lau Tai-ping and Tang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).

Men's 100 yards back-stroke—A. K. Runjan, D. Hutchinson, and C. Huang (V.R.C.); Lau Tai-ping and Tang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).

Women's 100 yards back-stroke—A. K. Runjan, D. Hutchinson, and C. Huang (V.R.C.); Lau Tai-ping and Tang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).

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Lawn Bowls

Easy Victory For S.R. Solina And K.M. Omar

S. R. SOLINA AND K. M. OMAR, of Calzengower, had a comparatively easy entry into the fourth round of the Pairs lawn bowls championship yesterday when they met W. McLeod and W. S. Dall on the Civil Service C.C. green and won 25-15.

Eight of the losers' total were scored on the 10th and 21st heads—each being a 4. Solina and Omar opened with a 4, and augmented their total with three 3s and a single and led 14-2 on the 17th end. This was increased to 18-4 at the 11th, then 23-5 by the 15th, and eventually 29-7 on the 18th.

Scores were:

W. McLeod & W. S. Dall: 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 4, 0, 4 = 15

S. R. Solina & K. M. Omar: 4, 0, 3, 0, 1, 3, 3, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0, 2, 2, 1, 0, 2, 3, 0, 1 = 29

last week-end lived up to all expectations. It was a pity that the Chinese girls were disqualified in the 300 yards free-style relay, for the reversed result would have given first place of the gala to the Chinese Clubs.

However, they might also have been disqualified in the opening event, the 150 yards medley, for one of the girls went off too early. But in this race there was no one "tapping" and the crowd that flocked around the starting end made it most difficult to see anything.

This, incidentally, is something that should be remedied. Non-participating swimmers should not have been permitted to cluster round as they did. It was most difficult to see who was who.

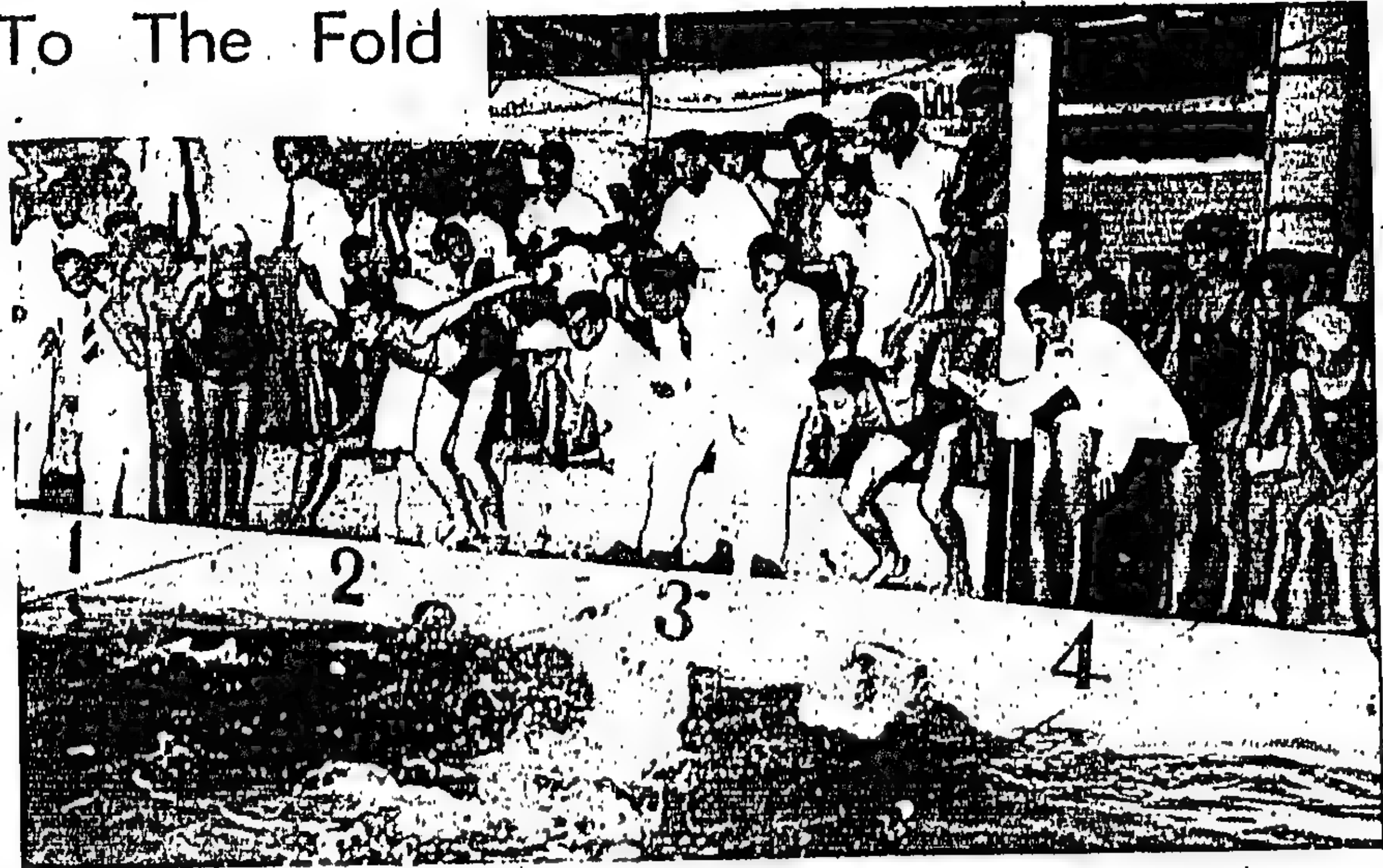
In the second race, however, it was on the report of the "tapper" that the Chinese were disqualified.

The accompanying picture shows the congestion of the starting end.

Outstanding competitor of the evening was undoubtedly Vivienne Churn. She swam great races in both the women's free-style relay and in the mixed relay later.

In both she gained distance, she overhauled the loss which had been sustained by one of the earlier swimmers, and more than that gave Hutchinson—just a sufficient lead for him to beat Ng Nin and score one of the finest wins of the evening—for had the V.R.C. lost that race the whole result would have been reversed.

And there is the story behind one of the other events of the programme, but I don't purpose to comment.



W. Lawrence (V.R.C. "Y") and Charles Huang (Combined Chinese) taking off in the 400 yards mixed medley relay. Jackie Anderson (V.R.C. "Y") and Ko Miu-ling (Chinese), first swimmers just touching at the end of their lap.—Ming Yuen.

Screwball Story Of World Series

Most Appalling Incident

IN the 1918 World Series between the Cubs and Boston Red Sox, there was an incident so appalling that the memory of a man, the victim, has not yet recovered from the shock. The victim was Tom Clark, then a veteran second-string catcher for the Cubs, now a gray-haired scout for the Giants.

The way Tom tells it, even now with a quivering voice and tears in his eyes, it was the last game of the Series and Tom's first turn at bat when the gigantic horror was perpetrated. Tom, a genial giant, was getting along in years as an active player and this was the first time he had ever been on the roster of a pennant-winning Club.

It was the ambition of Tom's life to make at least one personal appearance in World Series combat before he closed his career, but his chance of working in the Series looked slim unless the regular Chicago catcher, Bill Killefer, should break an arm or a leg or something. Which he did not do. He remained disgustingly healthy!

Babe Ruth—Pitcher

CAME the last game! And the ninth inning in the last game! Score: Boston 3; Chicago 2. Babe Ruth pitching for Boston.

Yes, the home-run hitter was a great left-handed pitcher for Boston before he became the "Big Bambino" in New York, and the two runs chalked up by the Cubs in the eighth inning that day marked the terminal point of Ruth's pitching string of 29 consecutive scoreless innings in World Series competition, a record that is still in the books.

These two runs had disturbed the Red Sox manager, E. G. Barrows, now the President of the Yankees. When the Cubs opened the ninth with a safe hit and Ruth walked the next man, manager Barrows was all quiver. He waved Ruth from the mound and put him in the outfield. Bullard Joe Bush came in to pitch.

But he retired the first Chi hitter with no damage to the Red Sox cause. But there were two men on and only one out. Turner Barber was sent up as a pinch-hitter for Killefer.

Then came the climax call for Clark. Manager Fred Mitchell of the Cubs—real name, Fred Yapp, one-time baseball coach at Harvard—looked along the bench and said:

"Clark! Get a bat and be ready to hit for Douglas!"

Hit for Shuffling Phil Douglas, the Chi pitcher! Then Tom would be next man up! He might save the Series for his club! Anyway, he was in a World Series game at last! Win, lose, or draw, that would be something to put in the family album!

He lovingly picked out his favorite bat, one that had "lots of wood in it," as the baseball players say.

Dream Reality

HE went out and took the crouching position of the next hitter as Barber stood at the plate and brandished his bludgeon in the face of Quilt Joe Bush. While Tom was down on one knee out there, and maybe muttering a prayer, he suddenly thought of his wife. She was in a field box near the Chi dugout. He turned and waved to her, an who should say:

"Look! In a World Series at last! Your hero, honey! Watch me!"

While he was still waving to his wife, with the back of his head turned toward the diamond, there was a crack of a bat against the ball. Tom turned around, quickly, took one look—and swooned.

Barber had hit into a double play and the Series was over!

Gone was his chance of batting in the World Series!

At least, that's how Tom Clark tells the sad story of his busted dream. But hold your hats, now,

Major Baseball

N.Y. Yankees Whitewash Senators

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (UP).—New York Yankees, American League leaders, overwhelmed Washington Senators 7-0 in the Major Baseball programme today.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Washington..... 0 3 0

Batteries—Zuber, Anderson; Evans.

New York..... 7 11 0

Batteries—Russe; Reas.

Boston..... 11 10 0

Batteries—Harris, Ryba, Dobson, Bane, Pylak.

Philadelphia..... 5 10 2

Batteries—Ferrick; Babich.

Detroit..... 1 0 1

Batteries—Bridges; Tebbets.

Chicago..... 3 7 0

Batteries—Lee; Tresh.

Night Caps

Washington..... 3 6 1

Batteries—Sundrum, Masterson, Anderson; Early.

New York..... 10 15 0

Batteries—Donald; Dickey.

Boston..... 6 14 1

Batteries—Wilson, Potter, M. Harris, Newsome; Peacock.

Philadelphia..... 10 14 2

Batteries—C. Harris, McGrath; Wagner.

Detroit..... 0 6 1

Batteries—Newhouse, Thomas; Sullivan.

Chicago..... 2 8 0

Batteries—Humphries; Turner.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York..... 4 10 1

Batteries—Manning; McDougough.

Boston..... 3 7 3

Batteries—Hutchings, Javery, Erickson; Mas.

Chicago..... 6 11 0

Batteries—Dutcher, Wilkie, Kilgus, Dietz; Davis.

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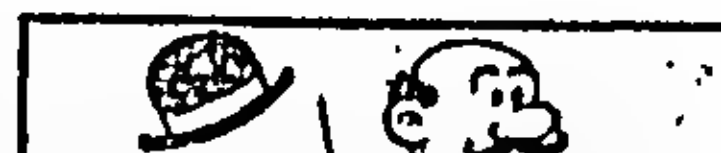
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By Ernie Bushmiller

100 French Warships Are Continuing Fight

The "Free French" Navy, one year old in June, has grown in that short time from two warships to a fleet of more than 100 vessels, all playing an important role beside units of the British Navy.

The fleet came into being on June 28, 1940, at Gibraltar, where two French naval units took refuge after the collapse of France. Inspired by the determination of their crews to continue the struggle against the Nazis, Adm. Emile Henri Muselier flew to London from Gibraltar and placed himself under the orders of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the "Free French" forces.

Gen. de Gaulle entrusted Adm. Muselier with the command of the navy and air force, but apart from the two men-of-war at Gibraltar, the admiral had no other armed vessels at his disposal. It was not until a few months later that he learned that the submarine Narval, since sunk, and the minelaying submarine Rubis were carrying on the fight.

It was the captain of the Narval who sent this famous telegram to the entire French fleet after the French-German armistice had been signed: "Treachery all along the line. Am heading for a British port." He went to Malta.

The Rubis, after a brilliant campaign in the North Sea, decided to rally to Adm. Muselier. Her captain was decorated with the Distinguished Service Order on July 10, 1940, for outstanding operations that resulted in the destruction of several German vessels. He is considered by the British naval authorities to be one of the foremost specialists in present action.

On July 1 last year Adm. Muselier issued his first order of the day, which instructed "French warships, merchant vessels and the air force to go without delay to the nearest 'Free French' or Allied base with a view to immediate operations against the enemy."

Recruiting has been so satisfactory that the "Free French" Navy has been able to man vessels originally destined for the Royal Navy. They have—French crews and French names.

From Fiji To Join R.A.F.

Party's Long Journey

The first men to travel to England from Fiji under the Overseas Recruiting Scheme to join the R.A.F. have just arrived in England.

The party consisted of three men. Two were Scotsmen from Stirling, who had gone out to Fiji some years before the war, and held appointments in the Civil Service there. One came home to join up soon after the outbreak of war, but found that he was in a reserved occupation and had to return to his post. Now at his second attempt he has been successful.

As the two Scotsmen were on the point of sailing from Fiji for Vancouver they were joined by a native-born Fiji man, a Mr. Komaisaval, who like the others wishes to become a fighter pilot. Mr. Komaisaval traces his descent from the former Kings of Fiji. Travel was no new experience for him for he had studied for three years at Wanganui College, New Zealand.

The party were raised to four by the wife of one of the Scotsmen. They reached Vancouver without incident by liner, and received a great welcome from the Canadians. On their way across the continent, they were surprised at the great numbers of men of the Imperial Air Forces training under the Empire Air Training Scheme.

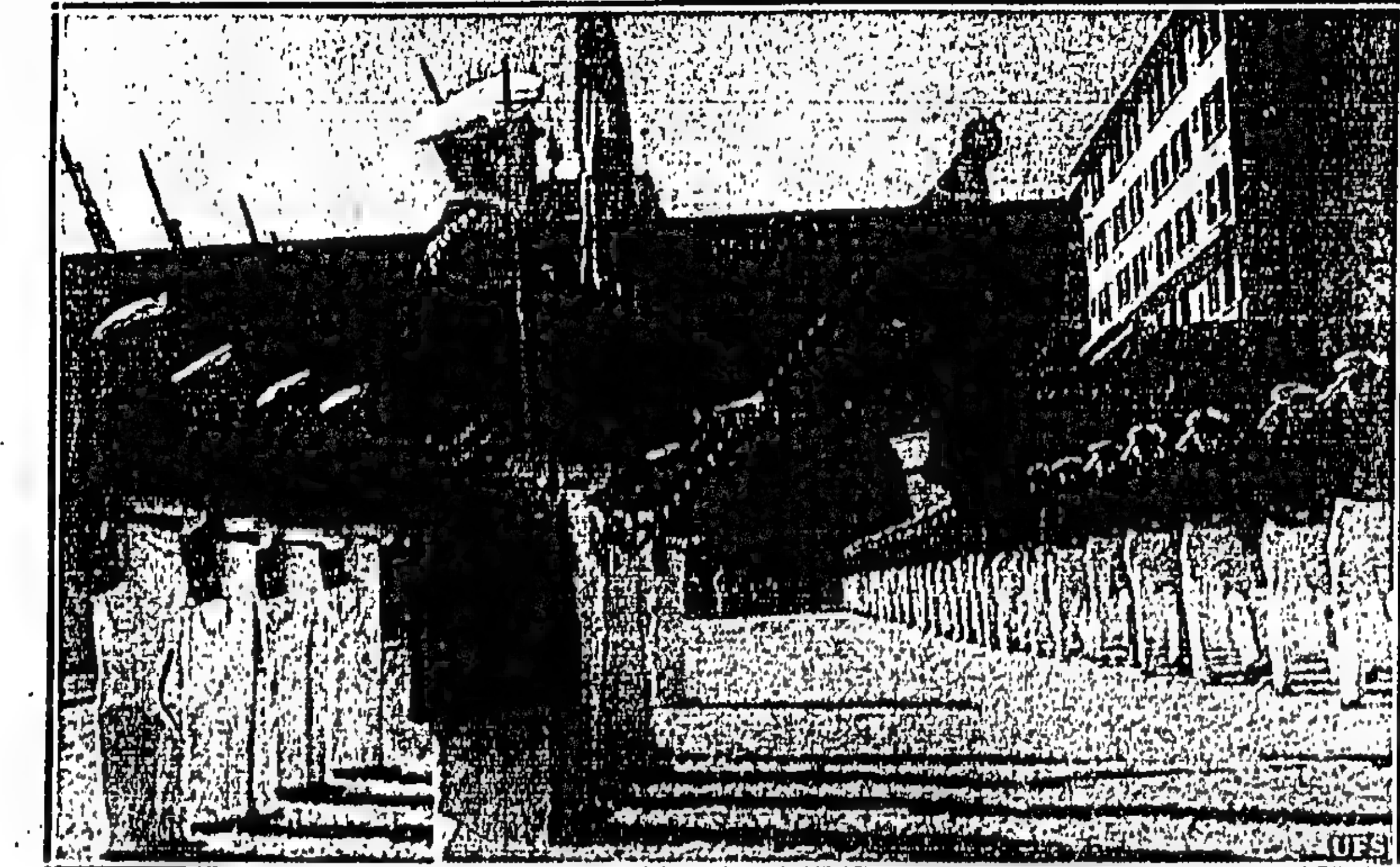
Leaving the Scotsman's wife in Ottawa to come on by liner the three men sailed from an Eastern Canadian port by troopship, landing in England at the end of May. They hope soon to be well on with their training for the R.A.F.

Anzac Captives Worried Nazis

The fear and respect in which the Anzacs were held by the Germans is emphasized by W. B. Courtney, American correspondent who accompanied the German Panzer divisions in their dash across Europe into Greece.

Recording an encounter with a truck-load of Australian prisoners, Courtney says:—

The Germans and Australians stared at each other gingerly, like creatures from different planets. A German officer admitted to me that while the Serb prisoners gave no trouble, the British and Australian prisoners had to be watched every minute, "lest they'd be over the barbed wire."



BRAZIL'S FUTURE ADMIRALS—Cadets graduating at Brazil's naval academy, on the Isle of Snakes in the harbour of Rio de Janeiro, parade for Brazil and U.S. military officers on graduation day. U.S. Military Mission is co-operating to strengthen the island as a naval base and create a huge airport and underground hangars in this most important harbour.

Headmistress Alleges She Was Shot By Young Soldier

As she lay dying, having received four gun shot wounds, the headmistress of a private school at Hind-head told how she gave a lift in her car to a soldier who suddenly turned on her with a revolver, fired successive shots at close range, and ran off, leaving her bleeding and helpless.

Her statement was read before the Battle magistrates committed for trial at the Sussex Assizes 20-year-old Pte. Herbert Sidney Howard whose mother lives in Hunstanton.

Howard is charged with murdering Miss Mary Stella Griffith, 39, of Pevensey Road, St. Leonards. The events mentioned in the statement occurred on April 8, after Miss Griffith, driving alone, left the village of Cublington, Bucks, for St. Leonards.

Beyond Aylesbury, said the statement, a soldier beckoned and asked for a lift, saying he wanted to go to Northampton. When Miss Griffith said she was going south, he replied that it did not matter if he got to a town.

At Windsor and Reigate the soldier, who appeared simple but polite, was disinclined to get out, and Miss Griffith gave him sandwiches and some cigarettes. He mentioned he had no parents and had been with friends during seven days' leave.

Fired Without A Word
Near Battle the soldier remarked that he was getting cramped and would like to alight and walk. The statement went on:—

"With his left hand he started to open the door, and suddenly I saw a revolver pointing at me quite low. He must have taken it out of his pocket with his right hand."

"He never said a word, but shot me through the chest. With my left hand trying to defend myself, I stopped the engine. I shouted, 'Help! Help!' He shot again."

"There was no one about. By this time he was outside, and I have a feeling he shot again. The door was between us. He then ran off in the direction the car was pointing."

"I was in awful pain . . . I remember a lorry coming towards me. I beckoned, but nobody could see I was in distress."

"I threw myself on the grass . . . A man . . . heard me shrieking. I told him a soldier shot me, and gave him my name."

"I was bleeding very much . . . I think he must have been mad."

Mental Perplexity

Mr. Gerald Paling, prosecuting, related that a Mr. Jones, living nearby, saw a soldier, whom he identified as Howard, running towards Battle.

Sgt. John Mansfield Vipond gave evidence that he and four armed men went in search of Howard, and found him in a wood with a fully loaded revolver tucked in his belt-belt.

Cross-examined, Sgt. Vipond said Howard seemed "in a mental perplexity," and appeared not to comprehend what had happened.

P. S. Belsham stated Howard's paybook showed he made a will two days before the shooting, leaving his property to Mrs. K. Howard.

Other evidence was that tests made by Dr. James Davidson at Hendon Police Laboratory showed the shots which wounded Miss Griffith were fired at a range of one to three inches.

Discovery Of New Fireproof Liquid

New York.

Sgt. John Madsen, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Sydney University, who is one of a group of five Australian scientists who will establish headquarters in the United States and England in connection with the war effort, has been invited to attend a demonstration at Washington of a new fire-proofing liquid which the United States War and Navy Departments are investigating.

Australian officials in the United States are taking a keen interest in this material, which will be made available by the inventor, a Scandinavian oculist, who, after many years of experimenting, perfected it at Los Angeles.

The material is said to have very high military advantages, and aeroplane fabric treated with it will not burn. A blinding thermite bomb can be doused quickly with a few shovels of sawdust treated with the liquid, and a blazing tank of crude oil can be extinguished with a spray. It is expected to prove one of the most important defensive developments of the war.

American Women Fly Bombers To R.A.F.

American women may soon be flying U.S. bombers across the Atlantic to Britain as a regular duty.

Miss Pauline Gower, commandant of women pilots who ferry planes from British factories to R.A.F. stations, is going to the United States soon to organize a similar women's service there.

She will collaborate with Miss Jacqueline Cochran, who, on June 21, ferried a Hudson bomber across the Atlantic to Britain.

These two women will be responsible for selecting women for the U.S. trans-Atlantic ferry service from a large number of qualified American women.

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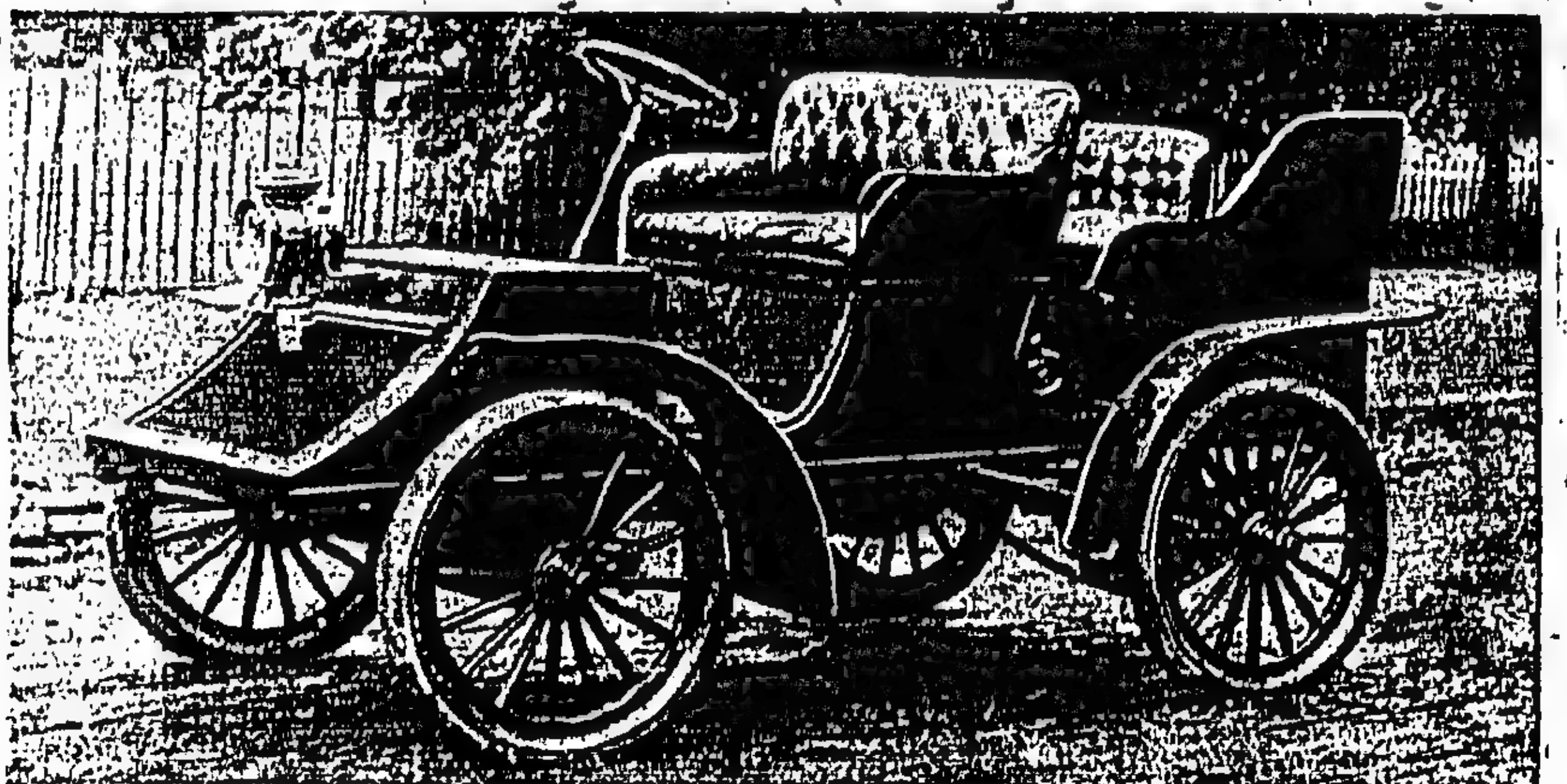
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South African Cadets Win Rifle Trophy

LONDON, July 5.—Eagle-eyed South African cadets, keeping alive rifle-shooting despite war conditions, captured the King George V. Trophy, highest award to Empire cadets competing in the 1941 National Rifle Association's miniature contest. South Africa compiled an aggregate of 245,544 points, an average of 81,848 for each man, to win the trophy for the eleventh time since it was donated by King George in 1925. Canada, Great Britain and India failed to qualify, while no returns were received by the N.R.A. from Australia and New Zealand. The competition drew 15,332 entrants, 10,877 from South Africa, 1,089 from Canada, 2,336 from Great Britain and 130 from India. When returns were analysed it was found South Africa was the only country with enough entrants to form a national team of 3,000 marksmen and was automatically awarded the trophy.

Canada's Effort
Canada entered 115 teams, divided into 28 units, and placed 17 units in the "honours list" of the best 100 units. South Africa took 71 places, Great Britain 11 and India one. Of the total number of Canadian shots, 202 were classed as Empire marksmen and 175 as Empire first class marksmen. Victoria Sea Cadets Corps, "Rainbow" unit, coached by Lt.-Col. P. W. Tribe, led Canada's bid for individual honours by placing fifth in the honours list and winning the Duke of Devonshire Trophy. The corps scored an average of 94,275 for each cadet. Lt.-Comdr. Tribe was awarded a bronze medal when his Sea Cadets finished third in the Senior Imperial Challenge Shield.

No Change In Libya: R.A.F. Raids Continue

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—A Middle East communiqué issued here to-day states that there is no change in the situation in Libya. R.A.F. planes raided Bardia and Derna on Tuesday night. In a raid on Tripoli, the railway station was bombed and destroyed.

Our Troops' Health
LONDON, Aug. 14 (British Wireless).—Although Axis forces in Libya are suffering from an abnormally high incidence of dysentery, the health of the British Imperial troops in the Middle East has been excellent. Casualty figures for the first six months of this year show that there has been no more illness than in peace time.

Poles Pressed Into Military Service

LONDON, Aug. 14 (British Wireless).—According to recent information received by the Polish Government, the German authorities in the occupied as well as in the part unlawfully incorporated into Reich territories of Poland have imposed on Polish citizens conscription for auxiliary military service.

LATE NEWS

Germans Say Odessa Surrounded

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600,000 killed, wounded or taken prisoner. **Reports Explained**
MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (UP).—The Vice Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Lozovsky, at a press conference to-day, explained that the Soviet communiqué reporting "nothing important on the front" means that the Germans have been halted and are not advancing anywhere. He denied that Odessa has been encircled which, he said, "expresses that the German wishful thinking has not been realised."

Nazi Communique
The text of the special High Command communiqué reads as follows: "Fuehrer's headquarters: Under pressure of German, Rumanian, Hungarian and Italian units pushing southwards in pursuit of the Russians, the German army in the Ukraine, the Dnieper and the Dniester, and the Dnieper defences in Western Ukraine, the Soviet army are facing complete collapse. Odessa is surrounded by German troops. Nikolaev is encircled by German and Hungarian formations from the west and east. Westwards of the Bug, strong enemy detachments face destruction. In the Communiqué No. 2 reads, 'In the thrust town German rapid formations occupy the iron ore area of Krymki. Production in this area amounted to over nineteen million tons of highest grade ore annually. The Soviet Union has therefore lost over 61 per cent of its entire iron ore production and has suffered an important economic blow of far-reaching significance.'

German Victories Claimed
LONDON, Aug. 14 (UP).—Radio Berlin this evening stated, "The victories announced in the two General Headquarters' communiqués, represent Russian losses in the Ukraine and the Caucasus which will be the Russian war machine that they will never recover from them. With these victories, the German armies in the Ukraine have reached their great objective in the campaign to the south."

Finnish Gains
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 14 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Finnish troops have completely cut off from the land side the town of Sorvanto on the northwest coast of Lake Ladoga. The town itself is still in Russian hands as well as the group of islands to the east of the town.

Hungarian Bombers
BUDAPEST, Aug. 14 (UP).—An official communiqué issued to-day says, "The Hungarian air force bombed an important enemy rail junction with great success." Hungarian military circles point out with great satisfaction that the results of the new operations are completely in accordance with the plans of the Hungarian army command.

Moscow Communique
MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—The following is the text of a communiqué the Soviet Information Bureau issued at 10.40 p.m. G.M.T.:

"In the course of August 14, our troops conducted fierce fighting with the enemy along the whole front from the White Sea to the Black Sea. In the southern direction, our troops have evacuated the towns of Kirovograd and Pervomaisk. Our air force, in co-operation with land troops, continued to deal blows to enemy troops and destroyed aircraft on his aerodromes. On August 13-14, German aircraft were brought down in air combats and destroyed on aerodromes. We lost 27 aircraft. In the Baltic Sea, one of our ships sank a German submarine."

Hitler in Ukraine
LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Hitler has moved his headquarters to the Ukraine, according to a radio announcement from Rome, which said that the German leader's presence at this front is probably the prelude to an important announcement regarding this battle.

Odessa Not Taken
MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Denying the German claim of the capture of Odessa, M. Lozovsky, Deputy Chief of the Information Bureau, described it as "wishful thinking." M. Lozovsky also denied the German story that the army of the south had been encircled. He said that the Germans had been made to pay for every inch but they had not succeeded in encircling the army.

Defence of Odessa
VICHY, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—The Russians do not mean to abandon Odessa for the time being, according to Swedish military experts quoted in a Stockholm dispatch to the Vichy news agency. It is thought that the Russians will stay in Odessa even if the town is surrounded from the land side and is severely bombed.

Claim of Encirclement
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—The Russians in Odessa and Olsjakov regions are completely encircled on the land side, according to reports from Swedish correspondents in Berlin.

The Russians are making preparations, it is stated, to evacuate by sea to the Crimea and Caucasus, but the Germans do not believe that the Russians are capable of a successful embarkation in the face of mass German air attacks.

Pockets of Resistance
The losses involved in reducing the Russian pockets of resistance in other sectors probably make the Germans hope that the Russians will attempt embarkation so as to enable their destruction without costly fighting. It is claimed that crossings of the Dnieper River have been systematically destroyed from the air and also that railways leading to Leningrad have been cut at several points from the air.

It is generally agreed that German forces from Smolensk region are operating to the south and that the main German energies are now directed to the southern sector in the hope of securing valuable resources, including eventually Caucasian oil.

Mr Mackenzie King Speaks For Canada

OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Mr W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, expressed satisfaction over the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting which "could only lead to even closer relations in the future between the British Commonwealth and the United States." "The friendship and understanding between the two leaders is now sealed by this first meeting together. The joint declaration which has followed this conference deserves the closest study and is bound to have a most important effect on world opinion."

Confidence Increased
OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Confidence here has been increased by this unassailable evidence of closer collaboration between the United Kingdom and the United States. Reference to governments associated with Germany is taken without question to mean that the Japanese situation received particular attention.

As far as can be ascertained, no Canadian officials participated in this conference. Over a week ago when reports of the meeting were first circulated, Mr Mackenzie King disclosed that he had no knowledge whatever of the event. Later his spokesman declined to comment.

Irrevocable Step
OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Commenting on the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting, the "Montreal Star" said: "What emerges most significantly is that President Roosevelt has placed the United States irrevocably alongside Britain and the Empire. Two great political entities are now linked by a formal association and short of a declaration of war, our great neighbour is committed more strongly than ever to fight with us against Hitlerism."

Typhoon Threat To Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Aug. 15 (Domei).—This summer's most violent typhoon with a wind velocity of 102 miles per hour threatens to hit West Japan around August 15, the Central Meteorological Observatory announced.

The typhoon is said to be taking a north-north-east course toward Central Japan but is unlikely to affect Tokyo. However, Pacific coastal regions between Tokyo and Kobe last night were warned against severe rainstorms in the night and to-day.

It is predicted that the approaching typhoon will be followed by autumn weather thus ending the unusually stormy summer this year.

Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, made a farewell inspection of the Western Division of Air Raid Wardens at Ellis Kadoorie School yesterday. About 400 wardens of both sexes under Mr J. B. Harrison, Divisional Warden, attended.

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Enemy Fighters Swept From Their Own Skies

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Large squadrons of Hurricanes and Spitfires swept towards the Channel soon after lunch to-day.

It is just officially revealed that Blenheim bombers escorted by fighters attacked docks at Boulogne. Bombs were seen to burst on the target.

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13 Planes Downed
LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—It was learned in London to-night that late this afternoon British fighters carried out a sweep over the coast of Northern France in the course of which 13 enemy fighters were destroyed. Three British fighters were missing.

Crowds Watch Planes
FOLKESTONE, Aug. 14 (UP).—A force of R.A.F. planes headed across the Channel towards northern France, this afternoon. People along the cliffs saw a large number of fighters flying towards a spot some distance south of Boulogne. Clouds sometimes hid the planes although the drone of the motors lasted for a considerable time.

Pictures of Cologne
LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—Five pictures of the R.A.F. bomb attack on Tuesday, taken by observers in Blenheims, were radioed last evening from London to New York in time to catch editions of newspapers throughout the country and copies were forwarded from New York for publication in the Latin American press.

The pictures confirm the low altitude from which the attack was delivered and indicate that the bombs must have struck vital parts of the Knapsack and Quadrant power-stations. It is believed that the photographs will give the needed reply to the efforts of Nazi propagandists to minimise the raid.

Nazi Precautions
LONDON, Aug. 14 (British Wireless).—Explaining that R.A.F. attacks are bound to increase, the official Nazi radio stated that in future the names of cities raided would not be given and that the German people must curb their "natural anxiety to learn the truth."

Hirohito Told Of Japan's Policy
TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—The Japanese Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda, was received in audience by the Emperor this afternoon. Admiral Toyoda, it is stated, reported to the Throne on matters under his jurisdiction.

Confident Of Peace In Far East
NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuters).—An important New York financial house heavily interested in the Far East has just sent out extra staff by Clipper. This is an interesting sidelight on the Pacific crisis in view of the fact that many staffs' families have been withdrawn recently. The action has been taken in the belief that Japan does not intend to embark on a war which would be suicide or national har-kiri.

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Germans Facing Enormous Task

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent in Russia)

MOSCOW, Aug. 14.—Wednesday night's communique confirms the view widely held here that Smolensk has been virtually wiped out after weeks of heavy air and artillery bombardment. Smolensk is no longer represented as a practicable base for operations.

The civilian population was long ago evacuated and the town itself has become part of No Man's Land in that heavily contested but fluid sector of the front.

As is already known, the Germans have tended to dig in on this front owing to the hopeless task under the present conditions of proceeding with their drive to Moscow.

Need Tanks, Planes & Food Says Beaverbrook To America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—Lord Beaverbrook, the British Minister of Supply, asserted that he came to the United States to get tanks, aeroplanes and food in the largest quantities the United States could supply.

At a press conference, he stated that the statement of peace aims were "magnificent, I am deeply moved. I trust that the people of this country are as deeply moved."

Asked whether he believed that aerial warfare alone would be enough to beat Germany into submission, he replied, "It didn't beat us. If you expect us to do as well as the people on this side wish us to do, we must send us as much as you can, as quickly as you can."

He declared that beef, bacon, cheese and tanks were especially needed.

Shanghai Gun Battle

Two Men Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Aug. 15 (UP).—Two were killed and four wounded in a gun battle outside the American Club, within a stone's throw of the United States Consulate and Municipal Police headquarters this morning, when five allegedly pro-Nanking Chinese gunmen assassinated the pro-Chungking Chinese, Kennson Gee, Manager of the Hoehung Bank which, since the credit freezing, has been remitting heavily to Free China.

Mr. Gee was formerly President of the United States Incorporated Underwriters Bank of the Far East.

One gunman fired on Mr. Gee who was entering the American Club, after which a nearby policeman fired and four more thugs, one of whom was wounded, were captured while the others escaped and joined in the battle. One pedestrian was killed and three pedestrians and two policemen were wounded.

WING-CDR BADER A PRISONER

BERLIN, Aug. 14 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the legless R.A.F. hero, credited with downing over fifteen planes, Wing Commander Douglas Robert Bader, was taken prisoner after he had safely parachuted during an air battle over the Channel.

BRITAIN'S BLOW TO JAPAN

All Exports Now Banned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The Board of Trade to-day banned all exports to Japan to become effective on August 15. The ban includes all mandated territories. Only exports under licence will be permitted.

The text of the export ban announcement is as follows: "The Board of Trade has made an order prohibiting as from August 15 all exports to Japan including Karafuto, the Japanese mandated islands, Korea, Kwantung leased territory, Formosa and Manchuria except under licence from the Board of Trade."

All outstanding export licences for these destinations are being revoked.

First Development

The ban is believed to be the first drastic development arising from the Anglo-American conversations and designed to prove to Japan that Britain and the United States mean business in maintaining the status quo in the Far East and if necessary, take stronger measures to prevent further aggression directly affecting the Anglo-American interests.

Conference With Hull

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull to-day stated that he had conferred with Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador yesterday afternoon at his (Mr. Hull's) request.

He asserted that the conference related solely to minor matters.

Mine Breaks Loose

A floating mine was reported to be drifting in the southern approach to Sokku Wan (Picnic Bay), Lamma Island, in Latitude 22° 13' North, Longitude 114° 00' East (approx.), about 7.15 a.m. yesterday.

Scorched Earth Policy If Britain Invaded

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The Home Guard has received orders to carry out a ruthless scorched earth policy should a German invasion come.

Lord Bridgeman, Director General of the Home Guard, announced that "lessons from the Russian campaign are beginning to come in and are most interesting to the Home Guard, particularly the message from Marshal Budenny, emphasizing the importance of sabotage behind the enemy lines. That is a task for which the Home Guard will be particularly suited. They will carry out those harassing operations inside the enemy lines which will keep the enemy preoccupied and nervous."

A partial list of the totally destroyed German divisions was published to-day (Thursday), and it includes the 39th Tank Corps of the 8th, 18th, 16th, 20th and 19th tank divisions, the 5th, 137th and 100th infantry divisions, the 27th armoured division, the 53rd, 169th and 111th armoured regiments, together with the 448th, 449th, 188th, 464th, 153rd, 485th, 231st, 156th and 24th infantry regiments.

Countless Graves

"Pravda" reports that already many German divisions have been destroyed in the western direction and that only countless graves remind one that once those divisions existed. Dozens of other divisions have lost almost half and others more than half of their effectives.

In battles in the "Nebel" direction the 233rd infantry division on July 8 lost their entire 43rd and 464th infantry regiments, and up to July 28 60 per cent of their effectives had been lost.

In contrast to this report, the German High Command has issued the following communique: "The Rumanians have surrounded Odessa. The Russian defences in the eastern Ukraine are facing complete collapse."

Strong Soviet forces to the west of Bug are facing destruction. The occupation of this area deprives the Soviet Union of 61 per cent of its entire annual iron-ore production.

Russian Summing Up

MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (UP).—Official Soviet sources, summing up, claimed

Donations To The Bomber Fund

A second donation of \$2,000 to the Bomber Fund has been received from Messrs. Thomson & Co., Ltd. On behalf of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, Lt.-Colonel H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., has forwarded two cheques, one for \$448, representing the profit from the Middlesex Corporals' Dance, and \$137 collected from the "Bombs" held by the Battalion.

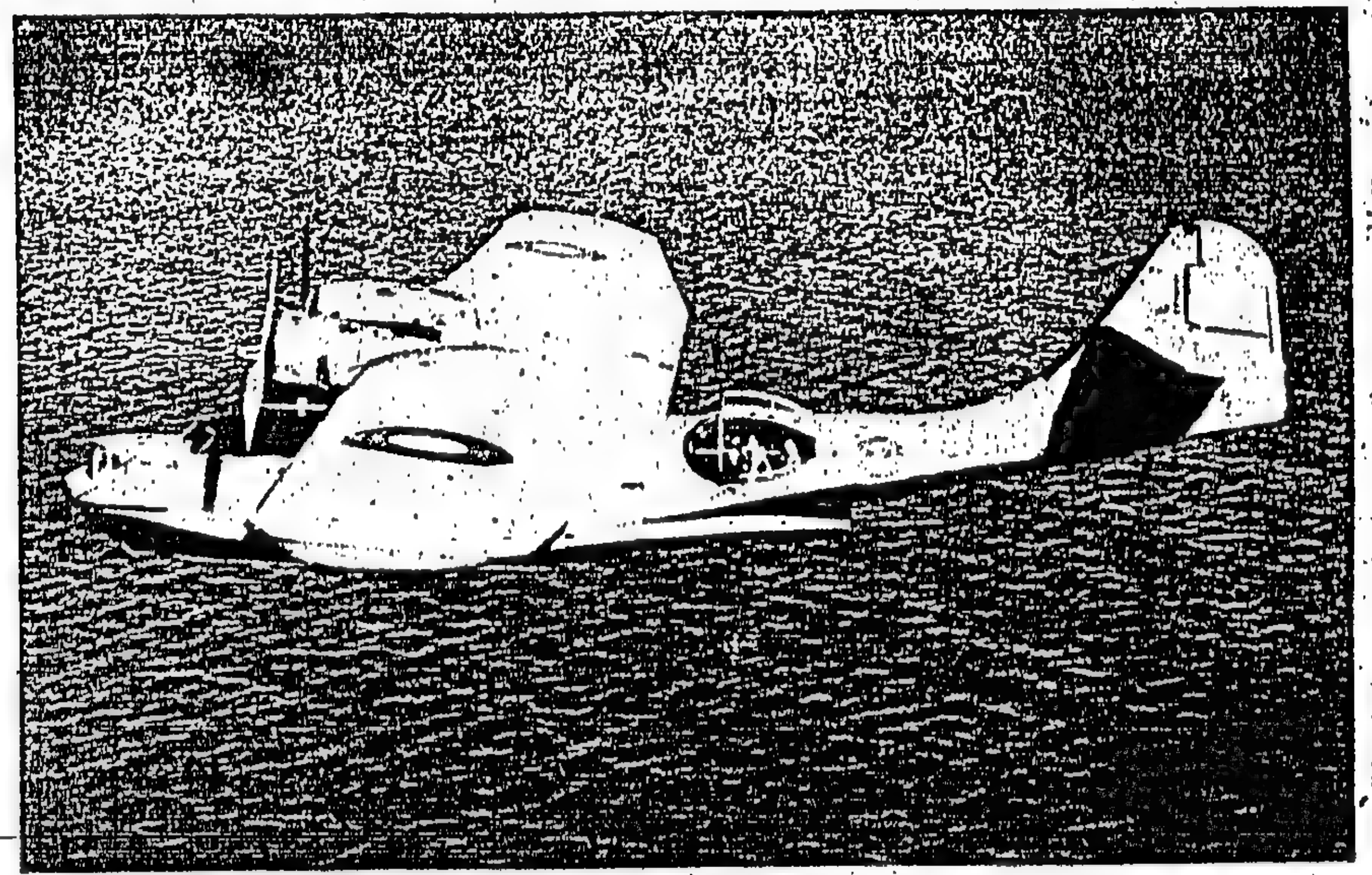
LATEST

More Australian's Reach Singapore

SINGAPORE, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The largest single convoy to arrive in Malaya since the outbreak of the war, has brought to Singapore a number of fresh Australian troops.

An official communique says that these reinforcements consist of all arms of the services and will have the effect of making the already strong defences even more formidable.

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Catalinas For Far East

American-built Catalina warplanes are being rushed to the Far East for the defence of British possessions. Their chief task is to maintain ceaseless watch for raiders and submarines. This picture vividly illustrates this type of aeroplane.

More U. S. Military Power Behind Britain & Russia

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The Churchill-Roosevelt consultations with high Anglo-American military men will certainly result in a greater concentration of United States military power behind the British and Russian forces, according to observers here. However, it is indicated that such aid will still fall short of a "shooting war."

Points Discussed By The Two Statesmen

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 14 (UP).—(By telephone to New York.) Threats of a war in the Pacific is believed to be one of the chief reasons for the historic meeting between President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill at sea. Now that the meeting has been disclosed, it can be revealed that the initiative came from President Roosevelt through Mr. Harry Hopkins.

Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt have never previously met despite Mr. Churchill's pre-war visits to the United States. During his Premiership, Mr. Churchill had frequently held telephonic conversations with the President.

Aid To Soviets

The Russian war raised numerous questions especially regarding quick and effective aid to the Soviets. Other problems requiring review included American supplies for the British home and Middle East forces and also the conveying of American tanks and other war materials enroute to the war theatres.

Vichy's subservience to the Axis involving the fate of French North and West Africa, which also touches on Western Hemisphere defence, TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Death Of Capt. Campbell

Well Known Hongkong Ship's Skipper

The death took place this morning of Captain Alexander Charles Campbell, skipper of the s.s. Sai On, well known Maeco and Canton river steamship, at the age of 69.

Captain Campbell was a prominent Hongkong figure for many years and was an active mariner up to the time of his death.

He was for many years a member of the China Coast Officers' Guild, at one time serving on the finance committee of this institution.

He leaves a widow, three step-sons and three step-daughters. The step-sons are G. Marques of Shanghai, C.V., and E. M. Marques of Hongkong, and the daughters, Mrs. Castro, Mrs. Fares and Mrs. Maher of Shanghai.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Hiranuma's Critical Condition

TOKYO, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Pending a definite report on Baron Hiranuma's condition, all Japanese quarters are adopting a very cautious attitude concerning the motives or possible associations of the assassin.

It is understood that the Emperor not only sent his Court physician to attend the wounded Minister but also sent a gift of a basket of fruit—the traditional indication that the patient is in immediate danger of death.

Should his Imperial Majesty send

FEARS FOR U.S. MISSIONARIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Aug. 15 (UP).—It is feared that United States authorities have asked the Japanese to investigate the whereabouts and conditions of United States missionaries in Tientsin, Chekiang, due to unconfirmed missionary and Chinese reports that the Japanese have isolated the town, and ejected the missionaries from their hospital, holding them incommunicado for the past two weeks.

Missionaries heard reports that Miss Lillian Wells, Supervisor of the mission at Hweilin, Chekiang, was maltreated. Unconfirmed Chinese reports said that she was strangled, but it is not known whether she is dead. Missionaries have been unable to contact her for the past two weeks.

a gift of red wine, this would be considered a certain sign that hope had been abandoned.

Military Inquiry Into d'Aguilar Accident

It is revealed that the military authorities yesterday conducted an inquiry into the accident at Cape d'Aguilar, road which occurred on Tuesday night, when one member of the 1st Battery, Hongkong Volunteers was fatally injured, and several others seriously hurt.

The findings of the inquiry will not be made known for some time.

So far as the injured men now in hospital are concerned, it is learnt that A. Folsand, who sustained a fractured spine, showed some improvement during last night.

Six other Volunteers who are still detained in Hospital undergoing

treatment to various injuries were reported to be making favourable progress.

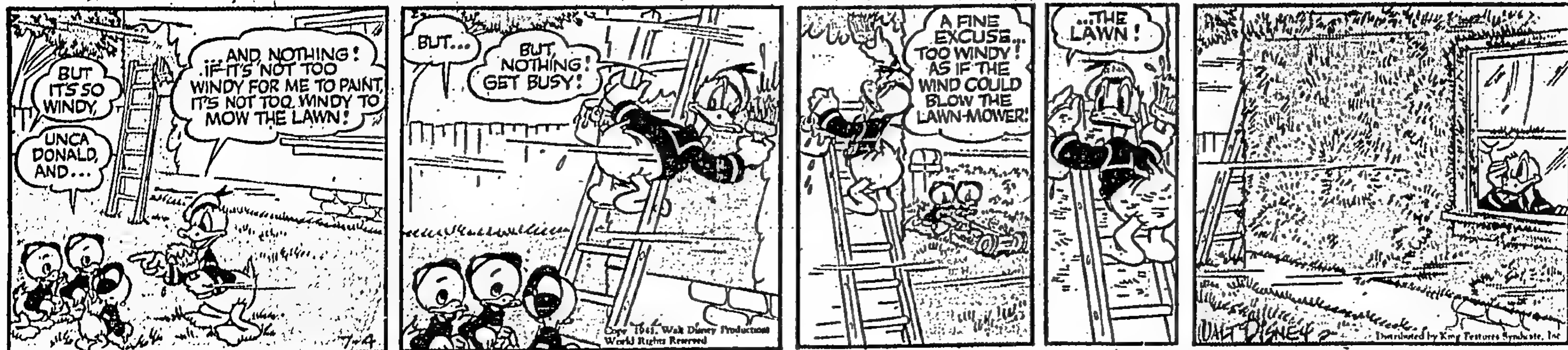
They are Messrs H. W. Buckingham, W. M. Brown, J. G. H. Lander, D. H. C. Taylor, W. P. Clemow and N. F. Tucker.

The driver of the truck, I/Bdr Roscoe, R.A., is progressing favourably in the Military Hospital.

Mr. Lander, it is understood, is the son of the former Bishop Lander of Hongkong.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play
AND
How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Shrewd Deduction

THE most difficult hands to play—assuming there are any problems for declarer—are those in which the opponents made no bids, and therefore gave no indication of their high-card holding or distribution. In such cases, declarer has only mathematical probabilities to guide him. There are not nearly so reliable as the deductions that may be drawn from a series of bids—such a series as produced by East in the following deal, for example.

Rubber bridge.

East dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

♠ 6 4
♥ A K 7 5 4 3 2
♦ 9 8
♣ 8 5 2

♠ A J 10 9
♥ J 8
♦ A Q J 7
♣ 6 4

♠ K Q 3
♥ 9
♦ A K 10 8 5 4
♣ K 3

The bidding:

East South West North
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
2 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠ 5 ♠
3 ♠ 4 ♠ 5 ♠ 6 ♠
4 ♠ 5 ♠ 6 ♠ 7 ♠

Pass

South's last bid was highly questionable; a double, or even a forcing pass, would have been more logical. However, South made up in the play whatever could be said about his bidding.

The club ten was opened; East won and cashed the spade ace, hoping for a high signal from partner.

West could not oblige, and East exited with a club.

Now almost every player in the South position would blithely lead a low trump to dummy's queen, intending to draw trumps and spread the hand. The combined North-South holding of nine trumps headed by A-K-Q would be strongly reassuring; they might think about the

possibility of West's having all four missing trumps, but would dismiss it with the reflection that there was no way to investigate safely.

This particular declarer had a different, and a sounder, idea. Upon winning the third trick with the club king, he led his singleton heart to the ace and then deliberately cashed the heart king. Superficially speaking, this was a pointless play, since declarer had no loser to discard. Actually, his reason was both subtle and shrewd—he wanted to see whether East had two hearts. (Obviously, if East ruffed the second heart, declarer could easily and safely over-ruff.)

When East showed a second heart, declarer knew his original distribution! East had started with a club bid, then had twice bid spades. This was the clearest possible evidence that he had held six clubs and five spades. (His two hearts meant that the rest void in diamonds.)

On that sound basis, declarer deliberately ruffed the heart king, then took a first round trump finesse against West by letting the ten-spot ride. When it held—as it certainly figured to—a low trump was led to the queen, a spade returned to the king, and West's trumps were neatly extracted.

Two-suiters' Hand

Rubber bridge.

Both sides vulnerable.

South dealer.

♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A K 7 6 3
♦ K 10 9
♣ A Q 10 7 6

♠ 8 4
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ K Q
♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A K J 2
♥ A K Q
♦ J 9 4
♣ A 8 2

How should South play his three notrump contract? Opening lead, spade nine.

Collaborate With Germany? — NEVER

Much has been written in the British Press about the exodus of French people to England, directly after the fall of Paris.

Readers will recall the 6,000 peasants from Brittany who went over in their small fishing boats in groups of three and four. Taking with them their families and whatever they could salvage of their personal belongings, they escaped at night from the village or coastal town where their ancestors had lived for generations, rather than accept German occupation and all that the word implied.

To make news also, were 90 students from the Military Academy of Saint Cyr, who sought refuge in England, to serve their country from across the Channel.

There was the case, on another hand, of the entire senior form of a certain school, who managed to get to the coast and from there to the British Isles, under the leadership of the headmaster.

Finally, in numerous instances, mothers made their sons embark on ships which were to take them to a land where freedom still existed; so that, in due course, they should, as men, fight for the liberation of France.

To Resist

All these people were joined by soldiers, sailors, officers, clerks, writers—in short, all those who refused to submit to defeat.

These men, women, children had taken, of their own initiative, the decision not to surrender. As different as they could be from one another, they were united in the same thought: to resist.

They were the vanguard of the Free French Forces, to which the personality of General de Gaulle was to give a rallying point and cohesion.

It is rather typical of de Gaulle that he has done nothing to advertise himself to his followers or to Frenchmen abroad, except by his actions. What Frenchmen know of his person here in Hongkong they have learnt through the foreign Press.

The Unbelievable

Following General de Gaulle's appointment as Chief of Free Frenchmen throughout the world, volunteers answered immediately his call to arms and joined the colours.

They were not in very great numbers, at first, due to the fact that more or less everybody expected an invasion of the British Isles to follow closely on the steps of the French collapse. To most Frenchmen especially, it seemed unbelievable that where their own powerful war machine had failed, the Royal Navy and Air Force would succeed in keeping the enemy at bay.

Still, the unbelievable happened. The British nation gave a magnificent demonstration of the truth of the adage: "Where there's a will, there's a way," and the world

took heart at the stirring display of grim heroism.

The first volunteers were then followed by others. In ever-increasing numbers, recruits came from all over the world. Quite a few arrived from distant lands, sometimes at their own expense and after a long and hazardous journey. You must have heard of those whose vessel was torpedoed near the coast of England. When they landed, after being rescued, they were so eager to serve that they reported immediately for duty to Free French Headquarters in London clad in the odd garments which had been lent to them.

Others, soldiers and officers of the French Forces stationed in Syria, deserted and joined the British Army in Egypt. These men were organised into an efficient fighting unit and has been doing its bit at the side of their British brothers in arms in Egypt, in Abyssinia and in Syria, thus cementing once more, with the sacrifice of their lives in a common cause, the bonds of friendship entered into in 1914-1918 by their fathers.

Murderers

Let one thing be well understood: namely, that no Frenchmen on earth, be he a de Gaulle or a Vichy follower, likes Germans. These "gentlemen" from beyond the Rhine have graced our villages and cities with their presence three times in the last seventy years, not to mention previous "visits," and on each occasion they have left behind them the same unsavoury memories. The destruction that England is experiencing for the first time at their hands, France has experienced three times in the last seventy years. Germans to Frenchmen are like the murderers of their fathers. How can anyone expect them to relish the idea of collaborating with such an enemy?

Do not let German propaganda mislead you on this point. The real soul of France hates Germany and every-

HONGKONG FRENCHMAN who here tells you why

thing German. This hatred cannot express itself perhaps as yet, because the greater part of the country is occupied by the enemy and because the portion of territory which is supposed to be free is in reality controlled by the Laval, Darlans and such, under the watchful eye of the Gestapo.

But the day will come when the Vichy politicians will be swept aside, the day when France will find on her soil a leader worthy of her past, and will express herself, in no uncertain terms, on the subject of co-operation with her aged enemy.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Second Anniversary

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—His Majesty desires that Sunday, September 7, being the Sunday following the second anniversary of the outbreak of war, should be observed a national day of prayer.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking of the wide response to the King's request, said: "As the third year of the war begins, while there is much for which we have reason to give thanks, there is a special call to remember in prayer the armies and people of Russia in their heroic resistance to the military might of Germany and the new and grave anxieties which are rising in the Near and Far East. We know not what trials or dangers may be coming. Pray we, therefore, for courage to meet them and for strength to overcome them."

SUEZ RAIDS

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A communique issued by the Ministry of the Interior states that in the course of an air raid on the Suez Canal area on the night of August 13-14, bombs were dropped, causing 16 casualties, seven of which were fatal, and doing slight damage.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



Vichy's Bad Faith In Syria: Soldiers Flock To Allies

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Following further breaches of the Armistice Convention by Vichyites in Syria, it is learned in Cairo that the Allies are now in a position to take such action as they think necessary to ensure a free choice by Vichy troops as Article 8 of the Armistice provides.

General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson has been obliged to protest specifically against three breaches of the Convention, namely:

(1) General Dentz denounced as deserters those who opted for Free France; (2) The families and baggage of many who waited for a chance to opt were summarily removed to ports of embarkation; (3) Vichy authorities sold a considerable quantity of war materials to civilians after the Convention was signed.

These improprieties are, of course, quite distinct from the bad faith for which General Dentz and 34 officers are detained. This consisted of permitting British prisoners to be sent from Syria—some even into Axis hands—while negotiations were proceeding.

In addition there have been numerous instances of Vichy obstruction—for example, 50 soldiers coming over at Tripoli were arrested by gendarmes and the authorities had to arrest the gendarmes in order to get the 50 soldiers free.

Up to a week ago, several thousand Vichy troops had rallied to the Allies and since then as many as 60 officers have come over in a single day.

Months ago, Vichy organised a special command of shock troops to fight the Allies in Syria. These troops were sent from France but many of them have rallied to the Allies.

Altogether it is safe to say that many thousands more Vichyites will come over in the next few days.

Liberal Government

Meanwhile the Free French are showing a liberal spirit towards the Syrians and the Lebanese are being included in the administration of the country. A civil aviation school for the Syrians and Lebanese has been started and many are joining it.

The country is linked to the sterling bloc, which should facilitate an economic recovery.

No British Ambition

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Letters exchanged by Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Minister of State, and General de Gaulle dated August 7 and published to-day, re-affirm Anglo-French determination to give independence to Syria and Lebanon whilst underlining British recognition of France's pre-eminent place in those countries. Mr. Lyttelton's letter states: "Britain recognises France's pre-eminent place in those countries. Britain has no interest in Syria and Lebanon except to win the war. Both Free France and Britain have pledged the independence of Syria and Lebanon. When this essential step is taken and without prejudice to it, we freely admit that France should have a predominant position in Syria and Lebanon over any other European Power."

It is authoritatively understood that Free France will be the first to conclude a treaty with Syria and Lebanon.

PARIS RIOTS

VICHY, Aug. 14 (UP).—Paris press dispatches reaching Vichy to-day reported that rioting which was provoked by Communists and Jews occurred in Paris yesterday in which shots were fired, wounding several persons.

Communists Riot

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Communist riots in Paris are reported by the Swiss radio which says that Communists started incidents outside Gare Saint Lazare last night. The Police arrested 16 people.

Shots were fired and several people were wounded when attempts were made later to form a procession.

No Change In Libya: R.A.F. Raids Continue

CAIRO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A Middle East communique issued here to-day states that there is no change in the situation in Libya.

R.A.F. planes raided Bardia and Derna on Tuesday night. In a raid on Tripoli, the railway station was bombed and destroyed.

Our Troops' Health

LONDON, Aug. 14 (British Wire- less).—Although Axis forces in Libya are suffering from an abnormally high incidence of dysentery, the health of the British Imperial troops in the Middle East has been excellent.

Casualty figures for the first six months of this year show that there has been no more illness than in peace time.

Thailand Denies U. S. Offer Buddhists Pray For Peace

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (UP).—A Foreign Office communique issued to-day denied that a grant was offered to the Thai Premier for United States military aid in exchange for the abandonment of her pro-Japanese policy. The communique added that there were "no grounds for such an offer."

Thailand is politically friendly with all other nations and the conversations concerned the promotion of a better understanding.

Prayers For Peace

BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (UP).—Lao commentators state that repeatedly for the past consecutive three nights, a peace message has been sounded according to "the spirit advocated by Buddha."

They asserted that the Government contemplated submitting a peace proposal to the countries concerned. Being a small country, Thailand may meet with utter failure, but they cautioned that should the foundation of peace be shaken, its cause will arise from external affairs. They added that Buddha's curse will befall those who offend over 500 Buddhists.

New Thai Minister

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The White House to-day nominated Mr. Wilby Peck, Counselor of the United States Embassy at Peking, to become Minister to Thailand.

Typhoon Threat To Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Aug. 15 (Domei).—This summer's most violent typhoon with a wind velocity of 82 miles per hour threatens to hit West Japan around noon on August 15. The Central Meteorological Observatory announced.

The typhoon is said to be taking a north-north-east course toward Central Japan but is unlikely to affect Tokyo. However, Pacific coastal regions between Tokyo and Kobe last night were warned against severe rainstorms in the night and to-day.

It is predicted that the approaching typhoon will be followed by autumn weather thus ending the unusually stormy summer this year.

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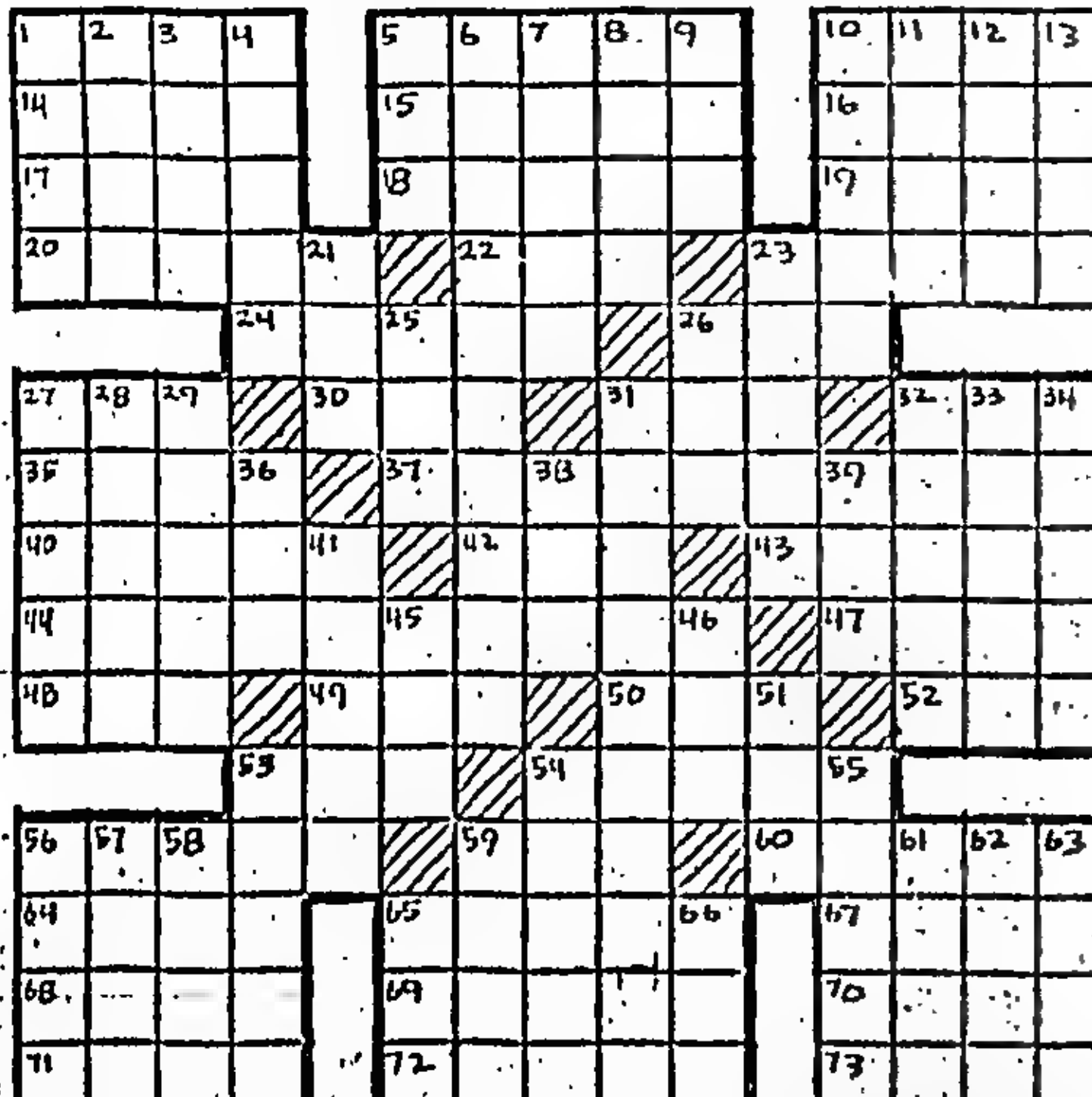
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANNAH TO PUZZLE

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2—Item of property
3—Article of dress
4—Lawn
5—Hat (abbreviated)
6—On side away
7—Wind
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First Reactions To Dramatic Roosevelt-Churchill Meeting

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The news of the meeting between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt has been the longest kept secret of the war. For fully a week there have been rumours of all kinds reaching England from foreign sources but British officials and all members of the United States Embassy in London maintained an imperturbable silence resolutely refusing either information or even comment on the foreign reports.

The British public's first reaction to the announcement has been one of intense excitement coupled with scores of questions about the full implications of the meeting.

The London evening press rushed special editions out with the news.

Many Factors Involved

It is realised of course that many factors have been working to draw the United States and Britain even closer together in general policy. One aspect of the meeting which has attracted particular attention was the amount of time that the two leaders have apparently been able to devote to the discussion of post-war problems despite the fact that they have also given to winning the war as quickly as possible.

One thing certain is that the coming together of two of the outstanding men of the hour has completely captured and inspired the imagination of the public of Great Britain and has provided an immense encouragement and impetus to the personal war effort of every Englishman.

Courageous Gesture

Mr. Roosevelt's invitation to Mr. Churchill will be fully appreciated while the Prime Minister's reputation for courage will be enhanced by his immediate acceptance and the unflinching gathering around him of every man who could make the talk of the greatest use of both sides.

The British Parliament's reaction will be that due to two men who know the risks they took, took them that the cause of their country might be carried further along the road to victory.

Fair For Dramatic

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill has always had a fair for dramatics. His speech of union with France and his broadcast within a few hours of the Nazi onslaught on Russia are but two examples—but none has aroused popular enthusiasm in Britain so much as his latest undertaking in crossing the Atlantic to meet the meeting with President Roosevelt.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Supply, who has obviously taken a major part in the conferences, is generally regarded as Mr. Churchill's right hand and has achieved prodigious things in stimulating aeroplane building, Minister for Aircraft Production. More recently he has performed further miracles in the production of tanks in his new appointment as Minister of State.

Well Kept Secret

Some of Mr. Churchill's closest friends had no inkling that the Prime Minister had left Downing Street. Members of Parliament at Westminster were astonished when Mr. Clement Attlee, without a hint that anything was happening, told the House of Commons that Mr. Churchill would not be present during the recent general debate. No suspicions of Mr. Churchill's journey were aroused and no hint of what was happening was given during the full debate on the war which Mr. Attlee opened.

Days went by and inevitable rumours, mostly very wide-of-the-mark, began to circulate and only a hard handful of the millions who heard Mr. Attlee's words over the wireless to-day were not astonished by the dramatic disclosures.

Washington Waited

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The capital was prepared for something exciting this morning and was not disappointed. Millions all over the country were listening for an announcement but it fell to a British spokesman in London to tell Americans of the dramatic meeting at sea of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt and the important conclusions they reached.

At nine o'clock, radios were tuned in to hear Mr. Attlee's voice from London and as soon as he had finished, the announcer informed the public that the same statement had been issued in mimeographed form from the White House.

Seeing War Through

That the majority of Americans believed that President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill had been meeting too long of the drama from the announcement which was instantly characterised by some observers as being as near a joint statement that America will see the war through with Britain as any leader of democratic America could go without the consent of Congress.

That Congress will not fail to support the President is seen by Senator Tom Connally's first statement in which the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said flatly that the declaration represented the general view of the people of the United States.

Radios Everywhere

There was tremendous excitement all over the country this morning. Thousands of Government workers coming into town had their radios open full blast and shops selling radios had loud speakers on the pavement giving Mr. Attlee's message to the people in the streets who gathered round in crowds to hear

about the strange meeting of two great men "somewhere in the North Atlantic."

At the White House, long before the statement was released the press rooms were crowded with eager and excited journalists and when the mimeographed statements appeared there was a wild scramble for copies and then a hectic chase for telephones and the cable offices.

House Interest

Congressmen and Senators were listening in no less eagerly than the public, and congressional leaders including Senator Connally and Mr. Andrew J. May, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, were persuaded to go to the radio station and listen in to Mr. Attlee. They then immediately "went on the air" themselves, telling the people of this country their views on the statement, all of which were favourable.

Returning Hero

The first reactions everywhere are expected to be favourable and President Roosevelt is assured of a tremendous welcome when he returns to the capital. There is no doubt that he will be received like a returning hero for the drama of the meeting at sea has fired everyone.

In the joint declaration are enshrined principles very dear to Mr. Roosevelt's heart and which he has championed during more than one decade since the war began.

Roosevelt's Ideals

Behind the fourth and fifth of the common principles lie the Roosevelt idealism which inspired the New Deal while the sixth contains one of his most vital beliefs and in the seventh is the principle of freedom of the seas which is close to his soul's heart and which he re-voiced into the American policy only a few weeks ago when he announced American naval and air patrol of the Atlantic.

As the significance of the common principles sinks into the public consciousness, it is recognised that the eighth of them is probably the most important. It is taken to mean in plain language that America and Britain are determined that all aggressor nations shall be disarmed meaning Germany, Italy and Japan.

Committee Gratified

A high official of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies told Reuter: "This is a splendid statement, even better than the President's four freedoms."

The official referred to the President's statement last May when, during a fireside chat to the nation, he defined the four freedoms as freedom of speech and expression, freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, freedom from want and freedom from terrors."

Opponents Silent

Some opponents of President Roosevelt's policy declined to make immediate comment regarding the Churchill-Roosevelt declaration. The Republican Senator Mr. Austin, Assistant Minority leader, said that the declaration was "very fine." The Senate's Democratic leader, Mr. Barkley, gave the opinion that the declaration "would be well received by all people resisting aggression, and would create universal interest."

Mr. Bloom, who is Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said "the statement crystallises that aims and aspirations within the freedom-loving people are so closely joined."

Peace Keynote

Senator Johnston announced: "I am glad that the leaders of the United States and Britain have made peace the keynote of their conference." Republican representatives said that it sounds "like the same-old sales talk with a little more sugar on this time."

"The Democrat, Mr. Reynolds, Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, said "why don't Britain and the United States start imposing the four freedoms in India and Russia right away?"

Commentators

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Albert Wagner, Washington representative of the Columbia Broadcasting System, pointed out that the meeting at sea symbolised the power which President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill represent. That sea power is now challenged by Hitler, added Davis, another commentator, stated that there was nothing specific regarding the defeat of Hitler or how it could be achieved. It sounded like an American but not a British declaration of peace aims, he said, particularly the first clause in the statement which refused isolationist arguments.

Hull's Influence

He attributed Points 4 and 5 to Mr. Cordell Hull, referring to Mr. Hull's words of the equality of trade and improvement of labour standards. The great failure of the Versailles Treaty in the economic sphere, Mr. Davis added.

The N.B.C. commentator said that the statement contained a rough outline of peace aims, yet it brought

the United States no nearer to war than the start of a peace offensive similar to that of Hitler, he added.

Connally Approves

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Praising the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, Senator Tom Connally, the new Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, said: "This statement is a very splendid concept of the fundamental principles of Democracy. That we shall abolish the use of force and the free peoples will be able to choose their own form of government is a noble and magnificent statement of policy. The rest of the policy will have to wait the developments of events. This statement represents the general views of the people of the United States."

Significant Omission

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—While it is still too early to obtain reaction to the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, observers here consider it significant that Japan was not mentioned in connection with the eight-point declaration which the two leaders drew up.

Hitler's Teeth Drawn

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The declaration of President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill is regarded as a rough outline of the peace terms which America would support and which she would probably join in guaranteeing.

One of the most important features of the statement, in the view of observers here, is that it draws the teeth from any Hitler peace offensive that may be launched in the near future.

It is also considered that it will amount to unite opinion in this country behind the government—that is, that section of opinion which has been asking "What is it all about?" and "Why don't the Allies announce their peace objectives?"

Observers think that such questions will agree that the statement goes as far as any nation could in the nature of peace terms at this juncture.

Beaverbrook in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, who participated in the conference between President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, has arrived here.

Chinese Students May Travel On President Lines

CHUNGKING, Aug. 15 (Central News).—Following negotiations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the American Embassy in Chungking, the State Department has now instructed the President Lines to lift the ban on Chinese students booking passages on President liners.

Many Chinese students seeking to study abroad have been stranded in Hongkong following the enforcement of the new ruling by the President Lines that, in view of the increased international tension, only Chinese of American citizenship with valid re-entry permits for the United States or with diplomatic passports are allowed to book passages.

LAWN BOWLS SWEEP DRAW

DRAW for the weekly Lawn Bowls League sweep was made this morning and resulted as follows:

FIRST DIVISION
 Indian R.C. (401) v. Revere (A) (113)
 K.B.G.C. (301) v. C.C.C. (604)
 K.B.G.C. (A) (413) v. Kowloon C.C. (482)
 Revere (B) (301) v. Police (618)
 K. Dockers (320) v. S.S.C. (315)
SECOND DIVISION
 C.C.C. (617) v. Revere (673)
 Kowloon F.C. (607) v. H.K.C.C. (591)
 Police (473) v. K. Tong (611)
 H.K.F.C. (274) v. Prison O.C. (70)
 Kowloon C.C. (591) rests.
THIRD DIVISION
 Police (439) v. C.C.C. (390)
 H.K.C.C. (178) v. K.B.G.C. (388)
 Revere (461) v. Kowloon F.C. (629)
 Revere (440) v. Indian R.C. (678)
 Hongkong F.C. (263) rests.

Cordell Hull Down To Fundamentals

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, described the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration as a "statement of basic principles and fundamental ideas of policies that are universal in their practical application."

"Up to now they have been generally accepted by all civilised nations and they were being strongly supported until certain countries decided to launch a universal movement to destroy the whole structure of civilised relations between nations and to establish a system of rule over peoples who would be conquered, based on barbarism and savagery. That interruption is still going on."

Japanese Residents Now Leaving Colony

Owing to the strangulation of their businesses as a result both of the British freezing orders and Japan's export restrictions, Japanese residents are now beginning to leave the Colony. This was revealed by Mr. Yano, Japanese Consul-General this morning, who declared that yesterday 30 women and children, together with some men, left for Japan. About 400 Japanese now remain in the Colony, but they are

JAPANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS

To Manchuria & Cambodia
Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (UP).—The military spokesman to-day stated that Japan had ordered four mechanised regiments to Manchukuo. Two have already arrived there and two are en route.

It is said that the Manchukuo authorities are prohibiting the entrance into Manchukuo of all Chinese and foreigners beginning August 15.

The spokesman declared that Japanese troops were driven back on Ichang during a fortnight battle and the total Japanese casualties are estimated at 4,500 men.

In Cambodia

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A report from Singapore states that an unspecified number of Japanese troops have entered Cambodia.

Thailand Gratified

BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Thai Government is gratified with the Anglo-American attitude to recent events in which Thailand is involved, said the Bangkok radio to-night.

Special attention was paid to the Eden and Hull statements as a cause of satisfaction. The speaker declared that the Anglo-American governments showed a clear understanding of Thailand's policy as enunciated in the statement on July 29.

The speaker added that understanding with Japan was also good.

Negotiations Denied

BANGKOK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Bangkok radio denied any negotiations have started between Thailand and Manchukuo since recognition of the latter state.

Thai Courage Praised

SHANGHAI, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Thailand's emphatic declaration of her determination to resist aggression are warmly praised in the British, American and pro-Chungking Chinese press.

While believing that the tension has eased, the "China Press" says that Japan is too well aware of her nuisance value to contribute towards any real improvement in the Far Eastern situation.

Italians Shy Of Statement

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A dispatch on the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration issued by the official Italian news agency this evening makes only an extremely bare and very misleading reference to its contents.

It adds: "The least that can be said of the declaration is that it will be received with legitimate mistrust by the nations of the whole world which know what to think of the real intentions of city and Wall Street bankers, whose interests directly inspire the Churchill-Roosevelt policy."

These two in their interview have, it seems, taken account of all eventualities but one—the importance of which, however, cannot have escaped them—the possibility of a victory of the Axis.

Berlin Sour Grapes

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Political circles in Berlin regard it as unreasonable to expect the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration to be taken earnestly.

They describe it as "old long-discarded stock from the moth chest bearing the Geneva hall-mark which has been hauled out and freshened up."

Madrid Interpretation

MADRID, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A further and decisive step in the direction of United States intervention in the war is how the newspaper "Madrid" estimates the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration.

The newspaper "Pueblo" writes that "President Roosevelt in fact has declared war on Europe."

Nords Agree With The Eight Points

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. W. Nygaardsvold, Prime Minister of Norway, stated that he had heard with great satisfaction the Anglo-American declaration. "It is most important that such clear and definite lines have been drawn up with regard to the basis upon which peace will be built."

"The Norwegian Government has already emphasised some of these points, which it feels to be of the utmost importance for the future and liberation of enslaved countries, and it agrees entirely with the eight-point declaration."

"The fact that the meeting has taken place on a 'battleground' in the middle of the fight for the Atlantic would not fail to impress all seafaring nations."

CYPRUS TOWN IS RAIDED

NICOSIA, CYPRUS, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A town in the vicinity of the 10th coast, was twice bombed by the enemy this morning. There were a few casualties and a little damage but details are not yet available.

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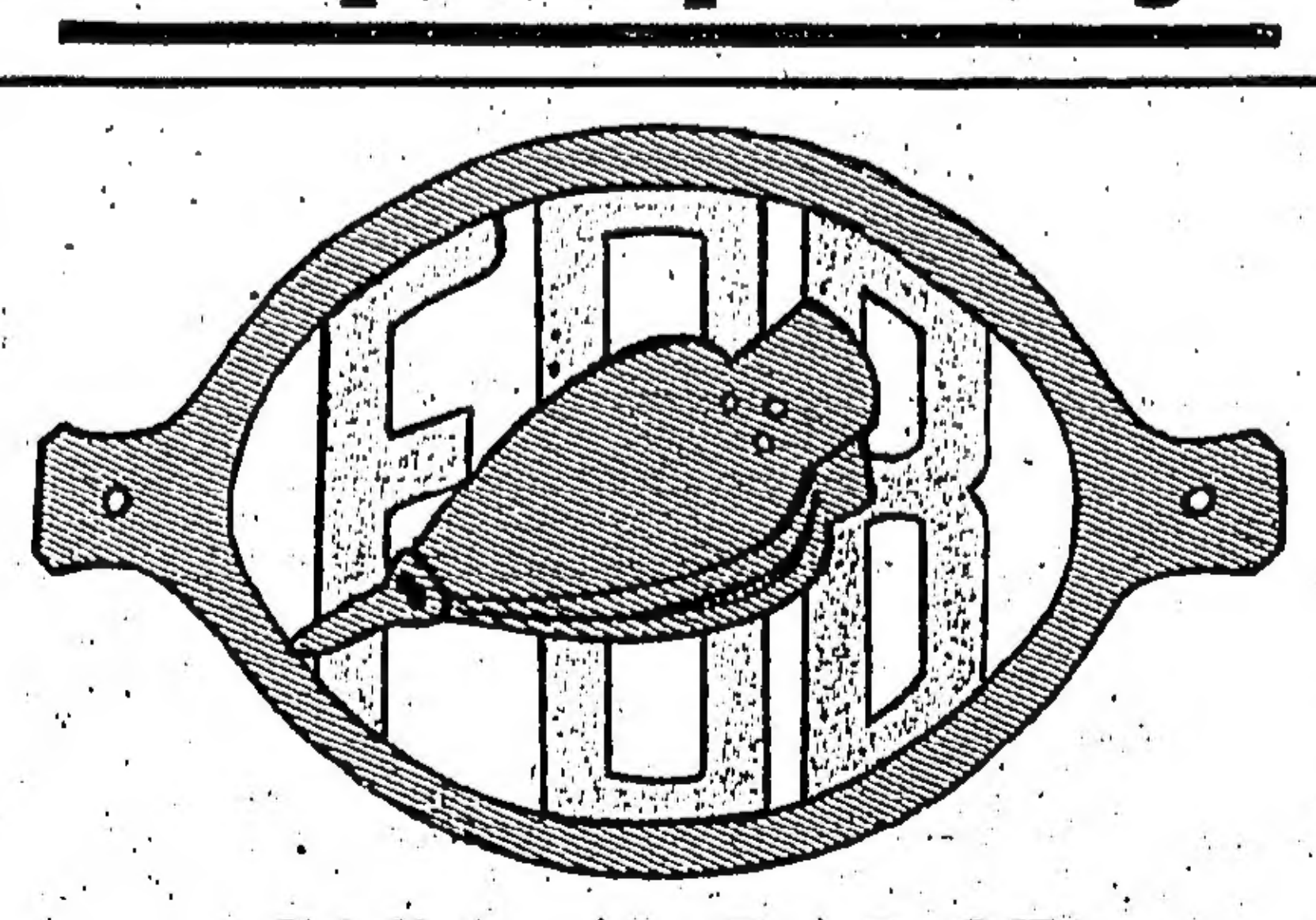
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Items Of Interest To Swimmers

V.R.C.-Lai Tsun Return Gala To-morrow

David Hutchinson Returns To The Fold

Splendid Swimming At Last Week's Combined Meet

(By "Tinker")

MOST INTERESTING ITEM on the aquatic schedule for the week-end is the return fixture between Lai Tsun Swimming Union and the Victoria Recreation Club, which will be held at the Chinese "Y", Bridges Street, to-morrow night, commencing at 8 p.m.

On the last occasion of meeting, which was on July 12, the V.R.C. gained a 32-23 points victory, this being mainly due to the efforts of the women.

If anything, to-morrow, the V.R.C. should have an easier win, for David Hutchinson will once again be turning out for them, and it should mean a win in the 100 free-style, which last time was won by Lau Tai-ping, of Lai Tsun, beating Lionel Roza Pereira.

For a little time, now, Hutchinson has been wavering in his affections, as it were. Earlier on he threw in his lot with the European Y.M.C.A., and, strangely enough, since his departure from the V.R.C. has been twice defeated over his distance.

The first occasion was in the Y.M.C.A. - University gala when Charles Huang put it across him in the 100 yards free-style. This time, however, he was in the combined meet, but in the very good time of 57 seconds.

Opinion has been expressed that he is doing the right thing, for it was at the V.R.C. that he improved his swimming, and it is there that he trains most.

The teams and programme for the gala are:

Women's 120 yards medley relay—C. Gutierrez, V. Churn, and I. Sadick (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun).

Men's 200 yards free-style—D. Hutchinson (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun).

Men's 100 yards breast-stroke—V. Churn (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun).

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Lawn Bowls

Easy Victory For S.R. Solina And K.M. Omar

S. R. SOLINA AND K. M. OMAR, of Craigcower, had a comparatively easy entry into the fourth round of the Pairs lawn bowls championship yesterday when they met W. McLeod and S. Dall on the Civil Service C.C. green and won 29-15.

Eight of the losers' total were scored on the 19th and 21st heads—each being a 4. Solina and Omar opened with a 4, and augmented their total with three 3's and a single 1, to lead 14-2 on the 17th end. This was increased to 18-4 at the 11th, then 23-5 by the 15th, and eventually 28-7 on the 18th.

Scores were:

W. McLeod & S. Dall: 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 4, 0, 4, 15

S. R. Solina & K. M. Omar: 4, 0, 3, 0, 1, 3, 3, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0, 2, 2, 1, 0, 2, 3, 0, 1, 0, 29

last week-end lived up to all expectations. It was a pity that the Chinese girls were disqualified in the 300 yards free-style relay, for the reversed result would have given first place of the gala to the Chinese Clubs.

However, they might also have been disqualified in the opening event, the 150 yards medley, for one of the girls went off too early.

But in this race there was no one "lapping," and the crowd that flocked around the starting end made it most difficult to see anything.

This, incidentally, is something that should be remedied. Non-participating swimmers should not have been permitted to cluster round as they did. It was most difficult to see who was who.

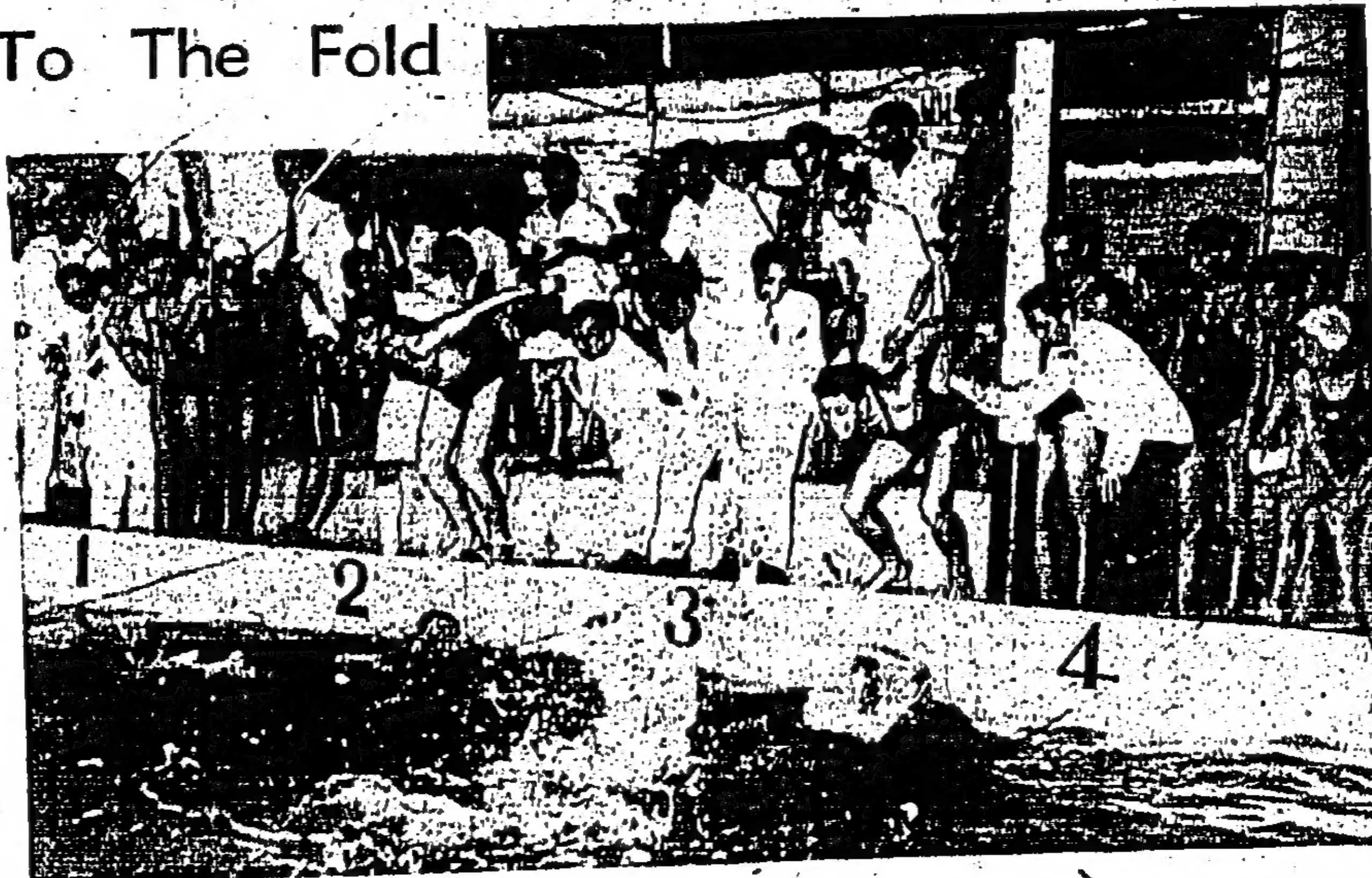
In the second race, however, it was on the report of the "lapper" that the Chinese were disqualified.

The accompanying picture shows the congestion of the starting end.

Outstanding competitor of the evening was undoubtedly Vivienne Churn. She swam great races in both the women's free-style relay and in the mixed relay later. In both she gained distance.

In the latter, especially, she overhauled the loss which had been sustained by one of the earlier swimmers, and more than that gave Hutchinson just a sufficient lead for him to beat Ng Nin and score one of the finest wins of the evening—for had the V.R.C. lost that race the whole result would have been reversed.

And there is the story behind one of the other events of the programme, but I don't purpose to comment.



W. Lawrence (V.R.C. "Y") and Charles Huang (Combined Chinese) taking off in the 400 yards mixed medley relay. Jackie Anderson (V.R.C. "Y") and Ko Miu-ling (Chinese), first swimmers just touching at the end of their lap.—Ming Yuen.

Tennis

South China Unbeaten In "D" Division

SOUTH CHINA A.A., already champions of the "D" Division of the tennis league, maintained their unbeaten record yesterday when they played the Chinese Recreation Club in their last fixture and won 7-2 at King's Park.

The C. P. Ip-W. H. Mok and K. C. Wong-K. C. Siet combinations were unbeatable, the two sets gained by the Chinese R.C. being lost by C. L. Lau and H. K. Ho.

Scores were:

C. L. Lau and H. K. Ho lost to C. C. Chiu and H. C. Liang 3-6; lost to K. C. Wong and K. C. Siet 6-3; lost to T. F. Chiu and C. N. Tsang 6-2.

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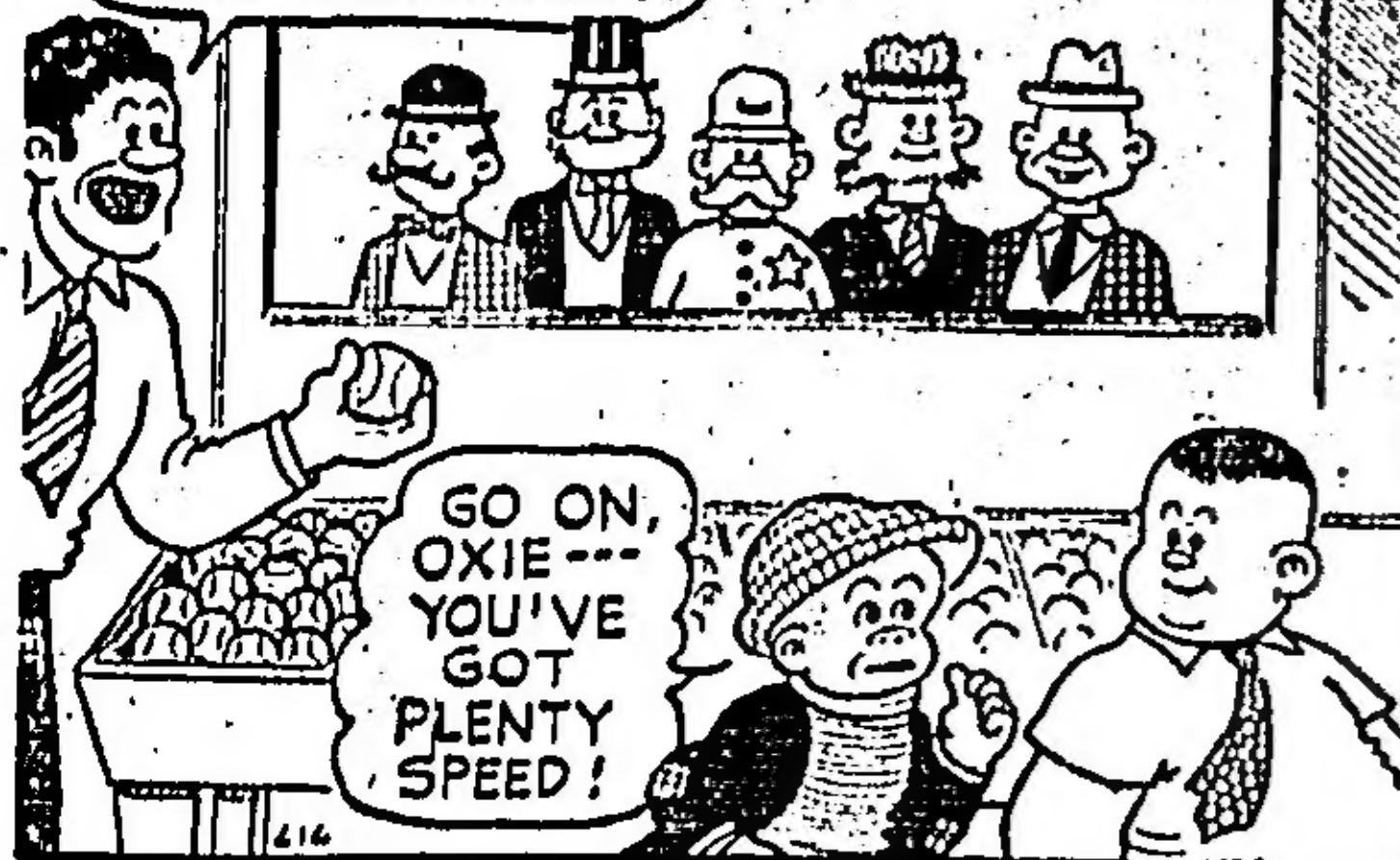
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C. P. Ip

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By Ernie Bushmiller

Many Killed In Big Air Raid On Chungking

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (UP).—It was revealed to-day that many were killed in Wednesday's air raids when a demolition bomb blocked the entrance of a downtown dugout with a capacity of 400 persons. An incendiary bomb landed in the remaining entrance filling the dugout with fumes.

Three waves of Japanese bombers totalling 117 planes subjected Chungking to a two-and-a-half-hour raid between 10.50 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. to-day, again concentrating on the area between the Press Hotel and the city's west wall.

Eye witnesses on the south bank of the river confirm that no bombs landed in the safety zone area.

Twenty-three other planes bombed Hainan.

Raids Easing Off

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—After six days and nights of intensive aerial bombing of Chungking, the Japanese aerial offensive appeared to be easing off somewhat to-day.

No raid occurred during the night though two waves of 80 aircraft raided the western suburbs and also the south bank of the Yangtze at noon.

Meanwhile China to-day is observing "Chinese Air Force Day." A new campaign has been launched to raise funds among Chinese both here and overseas for the purchase of aircraft for the Chinese Air Force. The day is designated as "Air Force Day" in commemoration of the first Japanese formation of heavy bombers which was practically wiped out by Chinese fighters.

During the past four years, the Chinese claim that 2,054 Japanese aeroplanes have been shot down or destroyed on the ground while 2,050 Japanese airmen have been either killed or taken prisoner.

The Chinese Air Force was organized only a few years before the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937.

Hirohito Told Of Japan's Policy

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Japanese Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda, was received in audience by the Emperor this afternoon. Admiral Toyoda, it is stated, reported to the throne on matters under his jurisdiction.

U. S. Petroleum Expert Visiting Britain

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Edwin Pauler left here by Clipper to-day for Britain and Russia on "government business" concerning oil transportation.

Mr. Pauler stated that he represented President Roosevelt, Mr. Harry Hopkins (supervisor of the Lend Lease programme) and Mr. Harold Ickes, the Defence Petroleum Co-ordinator.

Mr. Ickes, speaking at a press conference, said that Mr. Pauler was visiting London to study the oil situation in all its phases and the British rationing programme.

Viceroy Speaks At ARP Rally

BOMBAY, Aug. 14 (Reuter).

"The war is a long way from being over yet," said Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, addressing a mass rally of A.R.P. workers here to-day.

"Even when the war begins to turn in our favour, we shall have a long and rough passage before us, for we have got to make a good job of it this time."

Warning against complacency, Lord Linlithgow said that so far India was untouched by hostile aircraft. "To-morrow the war may be at our gates. This is an all-in war and the front is in the homes of each of us," added the Viceroy, who was supporting the Governor of Bombay's appeal for 20,000 additional A.R.P. workers.

AUSTRALIAN WAR CONFERENCES

MELBOURNE, Aug. 14 (Reuter).

The Advisory War Council was in session throughout the day. No official statement has been issued but it is understood that the position in the Far East and other international developments were discussed at length.

It is believed that the question of Mr. R. G. Menzies going to London was raised but that it was felt that a decision was one that should properly be left to Parliament.

The War Cabinet and the full Cabinet are both to meet in Sydney on Tuesday.

Belgian Comment On Declaration

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The joint Anglo-American declaration was warmly welcomed in Belgium circles in the British capital, according to a Belgian news agency.

Belgians praise it both for the principles which it enunciates and for the proof it gives of the world of Anglo-American unity of purpose—and that of the nations which fight for the cause of liberty—in their pursuit of war to find an organisation of peace.

Confident Of Peace In Far East

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—An important New York financial house heavily interested in the Far East has just sent out extra staff by Clipper.

"There is an interesting sidelight on the Pacific crisis in view of the fact that many staffs' families have been withdrawn recently."

The action has been taken in the belief that Japan does not intend to embark on a war which would be suicide or national hara-kiri.

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Darlan Preens Himself

VICHY, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—

Admiral Darlan, in an Order of the Day addressed to the armed forces, expressed pride in the great honour of his new position in control of all French armed forces which Marshal Petain had entrusted to him.

All could count, he said, on his determination, impartiality and his spirit of justice and his affection.

Admiral Darlan said that he knew that he could count on the devotion of all to the cause of France so nobly defended by Marshal Petain.

New Regime

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—

Admiral Darlan, in a broadcast from Vichy, called for full support for the new constitutional regime. "France can now be re-born. Defeat must not lead us to despair but to meditation. That meditation will have to make full use of the country's national reserve," he said.

Admiral Darlan added that all the three armed forces would have the same slogan, namely "Honour, the Fatherland, courage and discipline." The defeat of the nation could not affect the morale of the men whose heroism even the enemy had acknowledged at Dunkirk, Narvik, and recently in Syria.

In the meantime, increasing signs of unrest are reported to have followed Marshal Petain's broadcast. Trains bringing soldiers from Syria are reported to have been stoned and the men booed.

The Government have prohibited the flying of the American flag because it causes anti-Vichy demonstrations.

Lord Willingdon

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The ashes of Lord Willingdon will be buried in Westminster Abbey, it was officially announced to-day.

Knox Warns Of Armed World If Hitler Wins

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—"The American people should demand that we keep the jump on Hitler—jump on him first where there is any doubt about it," declares Colonel Knox, United States Secretary for the Navy, in an article in the current issue of "Collier's" magazine.

The article is entitled "Hands Off Navy Planes" and continues: "Naval and military intelligence estimated that if Hitler wins Europe and Britain, his ship-building capacity will be four times ours at least."

In addition, all Europe will then become Hitler's aircraft factory. It would then be in his power to build a sea and air navy bigger than our own—bigger than anything we have planned.

"But we have the jump on Hitler—his ships and ship-based planes, in the 'know how' of training and most particularly in the high morale and intelligence of our personnel."

Arguing for naval control of navy planes, Colonel Knox revealed that an American naval observer was aboard the United States' built Catalina aircraft which spotted the Bismarck, adding that the "unanimous report of our naval observers has been that to be effective the naval air arm must have planes developed by the navy for naval uses, planes flown by expert pilots who are navy men with naval training."

Reason For Reverses

"Our observers expressed belief in England's early failure to develop an independent powerful naval air arm has been primarily responsible for nearly every reverse suffered by Britain so far in the war at sea."

Colonel Knox takes no stand on the battleship-plane superiority controversy. "Our naval commanders contend that both battleships and planes are superior and properly used as co-ordinated force at sea they are invincible each in its own realm and in its close relation to the other."

Mr Mackenzie King Speaks For Canada

OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, expressed satisfaction over the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting which "could only lead to even closer relations in future between the British Commonwealth and the United States."

"The friendship and understanding between the two leaders is now sealed by this first meeting together. The joint declaration which has followed this conference deserves the closest study and is bound to have a most important effect on world opinion."

The text indicates a complete understanding, co-operation in the prosecution of the war and complete agreement on the eventual objects of a peace of victory but not of vengeance.

Confidence Increased

OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Confidence here has been increased by this unsullied evidence of close collaboration between the United Kingdom and the United States.

Reference to governments associated with Germany is taken without question to mean that the Japanese situation received particular attention.

As far as can be ascertained, no Canadian officials participated in this conference. Over a week ago when reports of the meeting were first circulated, Mr. Mackenzie King disclosed that he had no knowledge whatever of the event. Later his spokesman declined to comment.

Irrevocable Step

OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Commenting on the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting, the "Montreal Star" said: "What emerges most significantly is that President Roosevelt has placed the United States irrevocably alongside Britain and the Empire. Two great political entities are now linked by a formal association and short of a declaration of war our great neighbour is committed more strongly than ever to fight with us against Hitlerism."

Shai War Anniversary Fund Drive

Up to last evening, more than NCS100,000 had been raised by the Gold and Silver Exchange in the fund campaign started on August 13 in observance of the fourth anniversary of the Shanghai hostilities, says "Central News."

Young Marshal Report Denied

CHUNGKING, Aug. 15 (Central News).—A report published by a Hongkong paper that General Pail Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, has recommended to the National Government the re-appointment of General Chang Hsueh-liang, son of the late Manchurian warlord Marshal Chang Tso-lin, to an important government post has been categorically denied by General Pail who characterised the report as a "fantastic fabrication."

General Chang Hsueh-liang was dismissed from all government posts following the Sian Incident in December, 1936. Since then, he has been living in retirement.

INDIAN INTEREST IN IRAN

SIMLA, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Government of India's newly-appointed trade representative to Iran left to-day by land route via Quetta. His departure is regarded as a gesture of confidence in the situation in Iran where recent developments have not diminished interest in his mission.

The Indian Trade Commissioner in Bombay (Kerpy) was chosen for the mission. He will spend two months in Iran, exploring the Iranian market for Indian products, particularly piece goods, and will make a report to enable the Government to decide whether to appoint an Indian agent or a commissioner in Iran.

Oil Leaves U.S. For Reds To-day

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).

The Defence Petroleum Co-ordinator, Mr. Harold Ickes, announced that the first shipment of aviation petrol to Russia aboard an American tanker would leave Los Angeles for Vladivostok to-day, flying the United States flag.

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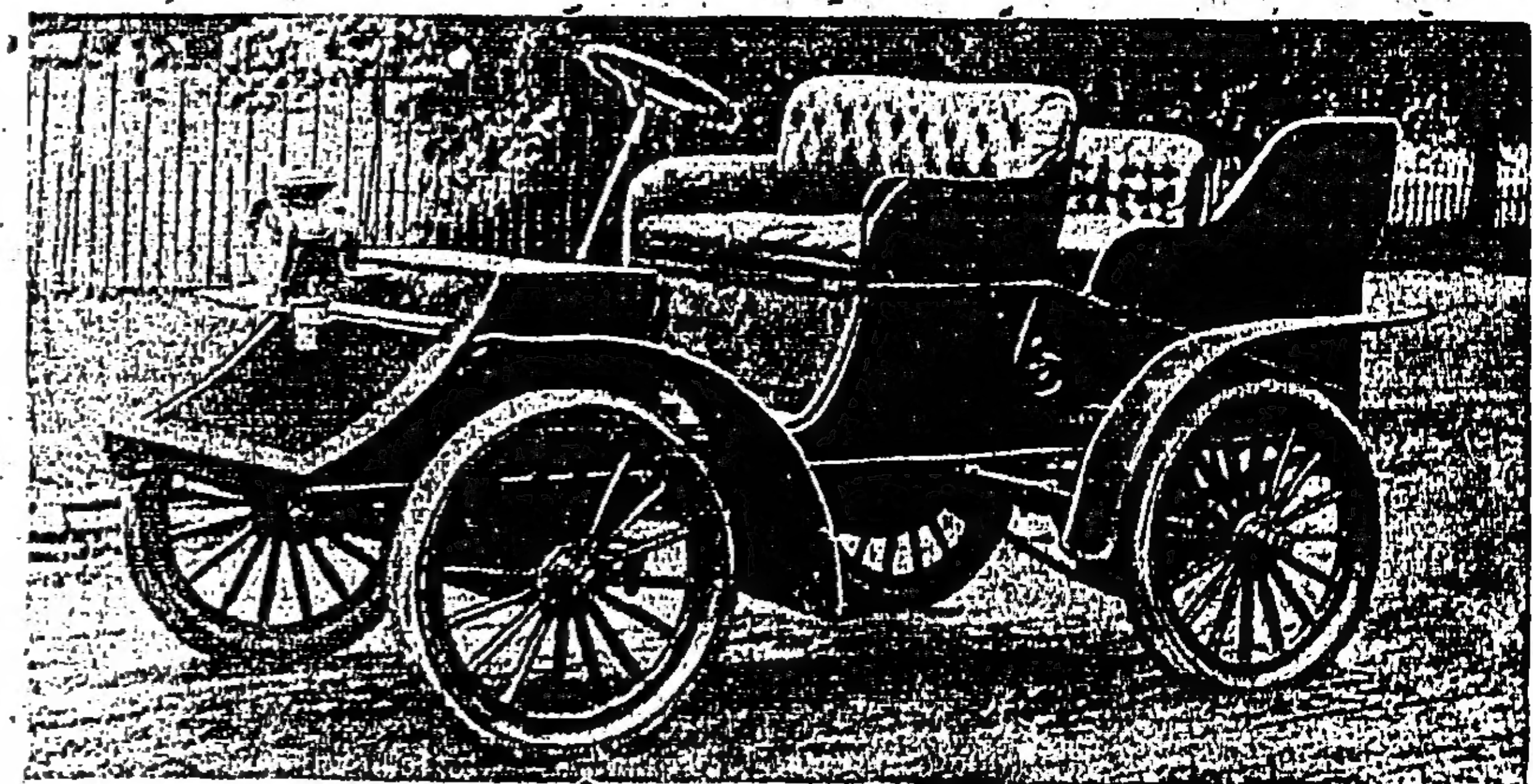
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Points Discussed By The Two Statesmen

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seems to call for fresh definitions of American and British policy.

Remoter, but important issues such as German influence in Iran have created rising concern.

Many doubters for the first time are now convinced that Germany can be defeated by the Soviet display of resistance. When Germany hurled roughly four-fifths of her armed power against Russia, the Premier and the President were impelled to formulate more decisive action.

Increased Tempo
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The Roosevelt-Churchill meeting is expected to signal an increase in the tempo of American war aid to Britain and Russia, and also a firmer policy towards Japan; however, nothing has as yet been revealed regarding these possible objectives.

U.S. Chiefs Present
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—United States military leaders believed that among those attending the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting were Major General Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the army air forces; General George Marshall, Chief of Staff; Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations; Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, and Major General James H. Burns, Lease and Lend administration assistant. Except for Admiral King, all these high ranking officials left Washington coincident with the Potsdam cruise and have not been reported on since.

Return Of President
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—President Roosevelt's Secretary Mr. Stephen Early, today stated that he was unable to reveal when the President was returning to Washington. The Presidential train, waiting at Boston and the President is apparently somewhere on the high seas.

Beaverbrook Arrives
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—Lord Beaverbrook, the British Minister of Supply arrived here at 12.45 p.m. in a large American-built bomber, with British markings. His arrival was a secret since it is not immediately known whether he was accompanied by anyone.

Photographs Released
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP).—The White House today released the official pictures disclosing the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting held in the Atlantic aboard Anglo-American warships—the battleship I.M.S. Prince of Wales and the cruiser U.S.S. Augusta.

They also confirmed reports that Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Chief of the Lend and Lease activities, General George Marshall, Chief of Staff, and Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations participated, but the geographic location or what agreements were reached besides the peace claims were not revealed.

One photograph showed Ensign Franklin Roosevelt Jr., the President's son, and the President's physician Dr. Ross McIntyre aboard a warship captioned "Taken after church services."

Axis Consulates Ousted From Cuba

HAVANA, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—No Italian or German consulate is now operating in Cuba.

The Department of State has ordered the German Legation to close the Consulate at Santiago, Cuba, immediately and Consul Anton Helsingier must leave Cuba before September 1 as his activities have become "annoying."

Legations are conducting all the business.

Canadian-Built Planes For F. East

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Disclosing that new orders for more than 1,000 planes are to be placed in Canada, "The Aeroplane" states that unconfirmed reports from Canada say that these may be bought by the United States Government under the Lease-Lend Act for China, the Netherlands East Indies and possibly Russia.

Sam Hung-wan, 26, of 54 Matau-wai Road, Kowloon, was found hanging from a beam in his house yesterday. His dead body was removed to the Kowloon Public Mortuary.

South African Cadets Win Rifle Trophy

LONDON, July 5.—Eagle-eyed South African cadets, keeping alive rifle-shooting despite war conditions, captured the King George V Trophy, highest award Empire rifle-shooters can win.

South Africa compiled an aggregate of 245,544 points, an average of 81,848 for each man, to win the trophy for the eleventh time since it was donated by King George V in 1925.

Canada, Great Britain and India failed to qualify, while no returns were received by the N.R.A. from Australia and New Zealand.

The competition drew 15,332 entrants, 10,077 from South Africa, 1,089 from Canada, 2,336 from Great Britain and 130 from India. When returns were analysed it was found South Africa was the only country with enough entrants to form a national team of 3,000 marksmen and was automatically awarded the trophy.

Canada's Effort
Canada entered 115 teams, divided into 25 units, and placed 17 units in the "honours list" of the best 100 units. South Africa India one. Of Great Britain 11 and Canada one.

The total number of Canadian shots, 202 were classed as Empire marksmen and 175 as Empire first class marksmen.

Victoria Sea Cadets Corps, "Rainbow" unit, coached by Lt.-Cdr. P. W. Tribe, led Canada's bid for individual honours by placing fifth in the honours list and winning the Duke of Devonshire Trophy. The corps scored an average of 94,275 for each cadet.

Lt.-Comdr. Tribe was awarded a bronze medal when his Sea Cadets finished third in the Senior Imperial Challenge Shield.

Captivity Of Dr. Colijn

BATAVIA, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Reports received here from Holland indicate that Dr. Colijn, former Dutch Prime Minister, who was arrested recently, is not in a concentration camp but is confined to a hotel at Valkenburg.

He is watched by two guards but is allowed short country trips. It is alleged. It is reported to be in good health.

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GERMANS FACING ENORMOUS TASK

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Moscow railway about 60 miles east of Staryayarsk.

Unless the Germans achieve a striking success here, they may find themselves lured into difficult terrain which in a few weeks will prove almost impassable.

In any case, the Germans have not so far occupied in this sector anything of the least importance.

Nothing Vital Lost
Undoubtedly with these German advances and the German drive in the Ukraine, Russia is now passing through that difficult August period which everybody here had anticipated. Nothing vital has been lost.

Meanwhile thousands daily visit air raid precaution exhibits and attend air raid precaution lectures in Moscow. The exhibits include models of flats, factories, schools, etc. which, with the help of small electric lamps, demonstrate instantly in a most rational manner air raid precautions and the location of fire shelters.

Other rooms are devoted to anti-aircraft gunnery, the sound of defective apparatus, searchlights and balloon barrage on which regular lectures are given on the spot.

A lecture was recently given by Colonel Symonds, a Home Office fire-fighting expert, who described his London experiences to Russian experts. Colonel Symonds paid tribute to Moscow's fire-fighting organisation which he considered completely successful.

Winter Campaign
There is no doubt that the Russians are preparing for a long winter campaign which is more than feasible in vital industrial centres remain in Russian hands up to now. Food supplies are plentiful, for although the Germans are likely to capture small quantities of Ukrainian grain, the bulk of it has been hidden by the peasants or moved to the Russian rear.

Large quantities of Bessarabian cigarettes, Latvian confectionery and matches from southern Estonia have made their appearance in Moscow. This bears testimony to the fact that M. Stalin's scorched earth policy is being carried out and that nothing is left to the Germans if it can be avoided.

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Enemy Fighters Swept From Their Own Skies

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Large squadrons of Hurricanes and Spitfires swept towards the Channel soon after lunch today.

It is just officially revealed that Blenheim bombers escorted by fighters attacked docks at Boulogne. Bombs were seen to burst on the target.

One enemy fighter was destroyed by our fighters. Our losses were two fighters.

13 Planes Downed
LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—It was learned in London to-night that late this afternoon British fighters carried out a sweep over the coast of Northern France in the course of which 13 enemy fighters were destroyed.

Three British fighters were missing.

Crowds Watch Planes
FOLKESTONE, Aug. 14 (UP).—A force of R.A.F. planes headed across the Channel towards northern France this afternoon. People, along the cliffs saw a large number of fighters flying towards a spot some distance south of Boulogne. Clouds sometimes hid the planes although the drone of the motors, lasted for a considerable time.

Pictures of Cologne
LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Five pictures of the R.A.F. bomb attack on Tuesday, taken by observers in Blenheims, were radioed last evening from London to New York in time to catch editions of newspapers throughout the country. People, along the cliffs saw a large number of fighters flying towards a spot some distance south of Boulogne. Clouds sometimes hid the planes although the drone of the motors, lasted for a considerable time.

The pictures confirm the low altitude from which the attack was delivered and indicate that the bombs must have struck vital parts of the Knapsack and Quadrant power stations.

It is believed that the photographs will give the needed reply to the efforts of Nazi propagandists to minimise the raid.

Nazi Precautions
LONDON, Aug. 14 (British Wireless).—Explaining that R.A.F. attacks are bound to increase, the official Nazi radio stated that in future the names of cities raided would not be given and that the German people

Auchinleck's Secret Trip
LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—It is now possible to state that General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, has been in London recently and is now back at his headquarters.

Poles Pressed Into Military Service
LONDON, Aug. 14 (British Wireless).—According to recent information received by the Polish Government, the German authorities in the occupied as well as in the part unlawfully incorporated into Reich territories of Poland have imposed on Polish citizens conscription for auxiliary military service.

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